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Enclosed please find copies of Frank West, Rita Rae Boje and Steven Baggett depositions.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION, a/k/a
CONRAIL,

Defendant.

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* CIVIL ACTION
* NO. S90-00056

The Deposition of FRANK D. WEST, taken before me,
Deanne S. Hutson, Notary Public in and for the County
of Marion, State of Indiana; taken on the 8th day of
November, 1993, at the offices of Groundwater
Technology, Inc., 486 Gradle Drive, Carmel, Indiana,
on behalf of the Plaintiff in the above-captioned
case.

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1 F R A N K D. W E S T,
2 the witness herein, after being duly sworn to tell
3 the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth,
4 testified as follows:

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION,

6 QUESTIONS BY MR. RUVOLO:

7 Q. Would you please state your name, Mr. West.

8 A. Frank David West.

9 Q. And your business address.

10 A. 486 Gradle Drive, Carmel, Indiana, 46032.

11 Q. And a telephone number that you can be reached
12 at.

13 A. (b) (6)

14 Q. And you're appearing here today as a witness on
15 behalf of Conrail?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And you were served with a notice of deposition?

18 A. That's correct.

19 MR. RUVOLO: Can we have this marked?

20 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 marked for
21 identification.)

22 Q. Is this the notice that you received?

23 A. Yes.

1 Q. I take it you read the notice of deposition and
2 what the purpose of the testimony is and what
3 we're attempting to find out here today?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. My name is Peter Ruvolo. I'm with the Justice
6 Department and we represent the United States EPA
7 and I'm here to ask you a series of questions
8 concerning GTI's participation in activities
9 concerning the Conrail yard. If there's anything
10 I ask you that you don't understand, please don't
11 hesitate to say so and I'll try to rephrase it.
12 If at any time you want to take a break, just let
13 us know and we'll be happy to comply. Okay?

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. Would you tell us a little bit about yourself,
16 where you went to school and when. I'm talking
17 about college and up.

18 A. I went to Ball State University, graduated with a
19 degree in geology in the fall of 1987. From
20 there I spent a semester of graduate studies at
21 the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, and for
22 financial reasons didn't continue on there. Came
23 back to Indianapolis and worked basic

1 construction type work until I became employed at
2 Groundwater Technology.

3 Q. When you say basic construction, for whom did you
4 work?

5 A. Private people. A gentleman I knew who did
6 roofing, painting, those types of things.

7 Q. When did you say you started at GTI?

8 A. It would be in April of 1989.

9 Q. Was it at that time that you got involved in this
10 particular project?

11 A. It wasn't until later beginning with the Track 69
12 investigations.

13 Q. When would that be?

14 A. That would be spring of '91.

15 Q. Have you gotten any other degrees other than
16 geology since --

17 A. No.

18 Q. When you were hired by GTI it was as a geologist?

19 A. Technically my title was field technician.

20 Q. When you became involved in the Track 69
21 investigation who else in GTI was involved?

22 A. Rita Boje, Dave Arnold, Bill Bloemer. That's all
23 I can recall.

1 Q. Could you give me an idea of what the setup was.
2 I take it it was a team operation?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Who had what responsibility?

5 A. Rita Boje was project manager. Dave Arnold was
6 technical or project director and I became site
7 manager.

8 Q. So that you would report to Boje?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And she would report to Dave Arnold?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. Who else worked with you on the site, if you
13 recall?

14 A. Other field technicians from the office, Matt
15 Manka, Ben Clabaugh.

16 Q. How would you spell that?

17 A. That's a good one. C-l-a-b-a-u-g-h.

18 Q. Just checking. We understand Mr. Arnold is no
19 longer with GTI?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. Is Ms. Boje with GTI?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Who is managing the project today?

1 A. I have the title of project manager and Dave
2 Demco was project coordinator.

3 Q. When did Demco come on board?

4 A. After Dave Arnold left GTI.

5 Q. Which would be about when?

6 A. I think it was February of this year.

7 Q. When did you become project manager?

8 A. When Rita Boje left GTI.

9 Q. Which would be when?

10 A. I think a little over a year ago. I believe it
11 was May of '92, but I'm not sure about that.

12 Q. Since you've become project manager have you
13 familiarized yourself with the activities that
14 took place prior to your becoming project
15 manager --

16 A. Yes, I have.

17 Q. -- on the site? Do you recall when GTI first got
18 involved with Conrail?

19 A. I believe it was late 1988.

20 Q. Do you know what the purpose was, what they were
21 retained to do?

22 A. As I recall, the purpose was to aid Conrail in
23 response to their NPL nomination.

1 Q. And you personally had nothing to do with that?

2 A. No.

3 Q. What did that entail, what did GTI -- what was
4 the purpose, what kind of work were they expected
5 to do?

6 A. What I can recall -- again, I don't have any
7 firsthand knowledge, but it involved review of
8 files and other technical data. I believe some
9 could have been from other EPA investigations in
10 the area, and based on that, provide a response
11 to EPA NPL ranking.

12 Q. Has the responsibilities of the project manager
13 changed since you came on board? In other words,
14 are your responsibilities any different than Rita
15 Boje's were initially?

16 A. Not to a great detail. I believe Rita had more
17 direct contact with Conrail as a client contact
18 than what I have had.

19 Q. And you work through Demco; is that the idea?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. He's the major contact?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. I'm sure you have contact with Conrail?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And your first assignment was to do survey work
3 or field sampling when you got involved with this
4 project?

5 A. Actually you should say that I was involved in
6 the diesel investigation that had been going on
7 prior to when the Track 69 investigations
8 occurred.

9 Q. What were you supposed to do in regard to the
10 diesel investigation?

11 A. I was field technician.

12 Q. What did you do?

13 A. Sampling, gauging wells, general data collection
14 activities.

15 Q. When was that?

16 A. That would have been -- I think would have begun
17 the summer of '90 and continued sporadically
18 throughout that year.

19 Q. Did you have anything to do with the
20 determination of where the wells would go or how
21 many wells would go in or anything of that
22 nature?

23 A. For --

1 Q. The diesel investigation. Let's start with that
2 one.

3 A. There were two basic phases. First phase
4 involved installation of eight monitoring wells,
5 which I was not involved with. The second
6 included the installation of I think the total
7 number of wells now are 29, and I was involved
8 somewhat in the placement of those in the field.

9 Q. When you say wells, are they all GTI wells?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And the eight monitoring wells were GTI wells?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. Where was the location within the yard? Was this
14 over by the car shop?

15 A. No, over by the diesel shop.

16 Q. Which would be --

17 A. Just north of the hump tower towards the east
18 side of the site.

19 Q. How long did that investigation go on?

20 A. The investigation itself, I believe, ended in the
21 winter of '90, and subsequent to those there were
22 mediation systems installed at the diesel shop.

23 Q. What brought about the diesel investigation? Do

1 you know?

2 A. I'm not sure.

3 Q. How long were the wells in place in that area?

4 Are they still there?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Are they still being sampled?

7 A. No.

8 Q. What was -- what were they looking for with the
9 wells?

10 A. Diesel fuel.

11 Q. In the groundwater?

12 A. In the subsurface.

13 Q. Did you make any findings?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. What did you find?

16 A. We found free phase diesel fuel to the north --
17 generally to the north of the diesel shop in most
18 of the monitoring wells.

19 Q. Were there any contaminants in the diesel fuel?

20 A. I don't know what you mean. Other than diesel
21 fuel?

22 Q. Uh-huh.

23 A. Not that I know of.

1 Q. Were there any chemicals involved, hazardous
2 materials, CCI?

3 A. No.

4 Q. TCE, TCA?

5 A. No.

6 Q. When you do the sampling you send it to a
7 laboratory for analysis?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What was the laboratory?

10 A. GTEL Laboratories.

11 Q. And they would send back the results to whom?

12 A. Matthew Darnin who was the diesel investigation
13 project manager.

14 Q. And then in '91 you began -- the spring of '91
15 you became involved in the Track 69
16 investigation?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. What was the purpose of that? What brought about
19 that investigation?

20 A. The Track 69 investigation, I believe, came about
21 because of an EPA allegation that a carbon
22 tetrachloride spill had occurred somewhere along
23 Track 69.

1 Q. What did you actually do?

2 A. I'm not sure I follow you.

3 Q. How did you investigate this allegation?

4 A. The initial work we did was to conduct a soil
5 vapor survey along the length of Track 69 to see
6 if there was presence or absence of carbon
7 tetrachloride and, based on the results of that
8 investigation, come up with a subsequent
9 subsurface investigation for further delineation.

10 Q. Did you install wells?

11 A. During when?

12 Q. Tell me when you did.

13 A. We installed wells during the Phase I and II
14 Track 69 investigation.

15 Q. Were you part of sampling and monitoring those
16 wells?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. That was part of your function?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR. RUVOLO: Can we have that marked as
21 Plaintiff's 2.

22 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 2 marked for
23 identification.)

1 Q. Show you Plaintiff's Exhibit 2 for
2 identification, Mr. West, and ask if you can
3 identify that. It's a poor copy, but I believe
4 you can -- you will recognize what it is.

5 A. I believe it's a copy of my field notes.

6 Q. That covers the period of what, do you recall?

7 A. From January 8, '90, to August 31, '92.

8 Q. So that would cover the period, would it not, of
9 both the diesel investigation and the 69 -- Track
10 69 investigation?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Would it cover the activities that were being
13 done on both investigations in regard to
14 yourself?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I'm not going to have you go through it page by
17 page, but basically what does it consist of? I
18 know it's a logbook, but what's a logbook for the
19 record?

20 A. The logbook would basically document activities
21 on the site, including general items like the
22 date, weather conditions, soil descriptions,
23 contacts with other individuals.

1 Q. Turn to the third page which is Bates stamped
2 CO 20797 and tell us what you mean by the bottom
3 of the left-hand side where it says purge 55
4 gallons.

5 A. That must have been sampling a monitoring well
6 and prior to collecting the sample you develop
7 the well. That would have been the development
8 water taken out of the bulk prior to sampling.

9 Q. What do you mean by you develop the well?

10 A. You take a baler or a pump and extract the well
11 from -- extract the water from the monitoring
12 well.

13 Q. What is the purpose of that?

14 A. To ensure that your sample that you collect is
15 representative of what's actually in the
16 aquifer.

17 Q. What do you do with the water?

18 A. We discharge the development water from the
19 diesel shop wells to their oil/water separator on
20 site.

21 Q. Did you take samples of the water for analysis?

22 A. We took groundwater samples after we purged from
23 the well.

1 Q. Just above that entry is some letters like D7W
2 D-26. What does that refer to?

3 A. D-26 would be the well identification. DTW would
4 be depth to water.

5 Q. And the figure 1647?

6 A. That would be the time.

7 Q. On the right-hand side of the page at the top
8 with the date 19/91 down towards the middle.

9 It's purge 55 gallons again. Sample at 89.

10 A. 850 it looks like.

11 Q. Again, just below that that identifies the wells?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. And DPW is the depth of the water?

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. And that's the time. Again, you take samples of
16 it after you did the purging?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And send them to a lab for analysis?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Would you get back the results?

21 A. I would see the results that would come back to
22 this office.

23 Q. The following page is CO 20798. Again, upper

1 left-hand corner. It's basically the same,
2 different wells. D-20, 29, 28, 27, 26.

3 A. This is survey data here.

4 Q. In regard to which project?

5 A. The diesel shop project.

6 Q. When you say survey, what do you mean?

7 A. Surveying the elevations of the top of the casing
8 of the wells.

9 Q. What were your findings in regard to that as
10 indicated from your report?

11 A. We determined the top of the casing elevations
12 which would be tabularized elsewhere.

13 Q. On this particular day there's quite a bit of
14 activity. If you look at the right-hand side of
15 the page D-12 was purged and sampled. D-13, 14,
16 15?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. Was that the normal procedure do a lot of
19 sampling on one day?

20 A. Yes, when we sampled we sampled as many as we
21 could on a given day.

22 Q. Again, you would make some calculations or
23 tabularizations of what you have found? Did you

1 do an analysis or send it for analysis?

2 A. I'm not sure I follow what you're asking.

3 Q. You purge and sample. What would you do with
4 what you found?

5 MR. ERMILIO: Do you mean what does he do
6 with the sample itself?

7 A. The sample would be packaged and shipped to the
8 lab.

9 Q. Again, the lab was --

10 A. GTEL.

11 Q. And they would do an analysis?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. And go back to Boje. What would happen with
14 these -- who would get these tabularizations that
15 you made as far as depth?

16 A. Rita would see them, I would see them.

17 Q. Turn to about two more pages over to page
18 CO 70800.

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. On the right-hand side is a diagram. If you
21 could explain that for us.

22 A. I believe this is a drawing that details the
23 location around which we were going to install

1 the recovery well and we were simply noting
2 utilities of concern.

3 Q. Where would that have been on the property?

4 A. Appears to be to the northwest of the diesel
5 shop.

6 Q. This is still part of the diesel investigation,
7 in other words?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. The following page 20801 contains various
10 information regarding these wells. Would you
11 explain what that is and what it's intended to
12 convey?

13 A. These again are depth to water measurements.

14 Q. On the left-hand side of the page these are all
15 D wells. Are they GTI's wells?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. On the right side of the page you bring in
18 RW well. What is that?

19 A. That's a recovery well.

20 Q. Is that also a GTI well?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. On page 20805 which is about four down dated
23 6/37/91 it says fixed RMW and BMW-1. Strike

1 that. It says fixed RMW-5, 6, 2, 1, 4 and BMW-1.
2 What does that mean, fixed?

3 A. Those, I believe, are wells that were installed
4 during Groundwater Technology initial remedial
5 investigation and I believe the concrete around
6 the well boxes had deteriorated and, therefore,
7 went around repairing those, put down new
8 concrete.

9 Q. If the concrete had deteriorated there would be
10 seepage into the wells?

11 A. Potentially.

12 Q. Did you take any sampling prior to repairs and
13 subsequent to repairs?

14 A. There would have been samples collected during
15 the remedial investigation and none that I know
16 of in the interim to this point.

17 Q. The next entry is checked RW-1. I believe it
18 says pump cycling?

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. What does that refer to?

21 A. That is a recovery well and there were pumps in
22 the recovery well pumping groundwater end product
23 and we wanted to make sure that the pumps were in

1 operating order, that they were cycling

2 Q. Who was Mike Merritt?

3 A. Mike Merritt is an employee for Conrail, the
4 Elkhart yard. I'm not familiar exactly with what
5 his duties are.

6 Q. And Jeff Geary, I take it, is also a Conrail
7 employee?

8 A. He's the yard superintendent.

9 Q. It says tried to con contact Nick Mantagino?

10 A. Montagino..

11 Q. What does that refer to?

12 A. I believe he's the track engineer at the
13 railyard.

14 Q. And finally it says call frank Saboto about
15 possible leaking hydrants. What did you mean by
16 that? Where were they coming from?

17 A. There's a hydrant located at the diesel shop, but
18 I can't recall what the specifics of that entry
19 are? Is there any entry that follows as to
20 whether anything was done about the hydrants?

21 A. I couldn't tell you.

22 MR. ERMILIO: Why don't you take a second
23 and flip through.

(Short pause in proceedings.)

A. I don't see any.

Q. When you say possible leaking hydrants, are you referring to fire hydrants or what kind of hydrants?

A. I believe I'm referring to a fire high hydrant, yes.

Q. Were there many fire hydrants on the property?

A. Just one that I can think of in that area.

Q. Again, we're talking about the diesel area?

A. Yes.

Q. On the following page 20807 on the left-hand side which is dated 1/25/91 about 10:30. See the reference to 10:30? I take it it's the time. 10:30 a.m.

A. Uh-huh.

Q. What does that say?

A. Shoot in BMW-4d. That's benchark for BMW-6 and 7 it looks like.

Q. What does that mean?

A. When we were surveying in wells you would -- you can use one well as a benchmark for surveying other wells.

1 Q. What is a shoot in?

2 A. That's just the sight you take through your
3 transit.

4 Q. Then right underneath that it says finish
5 surveying BMW-7. Is that five or D or five
6 and D?

7 A. Shallow and deep.

8 Q. What do you mean by that?

9 A. One well is shallow and one well is deep.

10 Q. When it's shallow -- when you refer to shallow
11 what are you talking about in terms of depth?

12 A. Generally with our nested wells they're relative
13 to each other so it could range. We could have a
14 shallow well that's 10 to 20 feet or designated
15 shallow well that's 40 to 50 feet.

16 Q. How about deep?

17 A. I think the deepest well we've put out there goes
18 to 100 or 105 feet.

19 Q. When you say you use the well as a benchmark, how
20 do you do that? What are the procedures?

21 A. You take your rod and put it on the top of the
22 casing of that well, take that reading -- that
23 measurement and then shoot in other wells and

1 relate the shootings from the other wells to the
2 well you shot as a benchmark.

3 Q. How do you know which well to pick as a
4 benchmark?

5 A. Many times it's just logistically what's more
6 convenient, from which well you can see most
7 other wells.

8 Q. In this particular area how many wells were there
9 around the diesel shop, if you recall?

10 A. This is not around the diesel shop area BMW-4.
11 BMW-7 or 6. If these are what you're referring
12 to.

13 Q. Where would they be located?

14 A. They are in the main classification area.

15 Q. Does that have to do with the investigation of
16 the diesel area or does that have to do with the
17 Track 69 investigation?

18 A. Track 69.

19 Q. So now we've swung over to 69. Following page
20 20808 at the top it's dated 9/30 and I believe it
21 says Fibertron. What is that? What is that
22 reference to?

23 A. Facility also known as ASA fiberglass. We

1 conducted a soil vapor survey.

2 Q. What is involved with a soil vapor survey?

3 A. Could you be more specific?

4 Q. What's the procedures?

5 A. What we would do is go out to the site, collect
6 soil vapor samples from various points on the
7 property, take them back on site where we had a
8 portable gas chromatograph running on site and
9 analyze those soil vapor samples.

10 Q. How do you collect the samples?

11 A. What we do is we have what's called an impact
12 tool and it's probably quarter-inch to three-
13 eighths-inch diameter steel rod and you slam it
14 into the earth to open a hole. Then you insert a
15 soil vapor point into the hole, which is a hollow
16 stainless steel point which has a tip on the end
17 which has holes in it, and then what you do is
18 you seal at the surface around the soil vapor
19 point with clay to prevent any vapors or air from
20 the outside from getting into the hole. Then you
21 connect the soil vapor point with teflon tubing
22 to an air pump which then draws air from the soil
23 vapor into your collection sample bag.

1 Q. Which consists of what? What's the collection
2 sample bag?

3 A. It's a Tedlar bag.

4 Q. Then what happens?

5 A. Then you take it to be analyzed.

6 Q. Would you do an on-the-spot analysis as well?

7 A. How we collected the sample, we used a photo
8 ionization detector. I believe in general those
9 types of detectors do not pick up chlorinated
10 solvents. I believe they will give a slight
11 reading for carbon tetrachloride so we might
12 detect readings through that.

13 Q. What do you do if you detected readings? Do you
14 make a report of these?

15 A. You'd note it on the sample bag.

16 Q. You wouldn't make a record in your logbook?

17 A. Yes, in general we would.

18 Q. Go ahead. Continue.

19 A. Then we take it to be analyzed.

20 Q. Again, who would do the analysis?

21 A. The chemist that we had on site.

22 Q. Would they go to any other lab like GTEL?

23 A. No.

1 Q. What would he do with his findings or his report?

2 A. He would just note it in his logbook.

3 Q. Would they be sent back to the project manager?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What would the project manager then do with those
6 records?

7 A. I'm sure relay the information to the project
8 director or Conrail.

9 Q. To divert for a second. You are currently the
10 project manager?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. When you see the reports come in or you see
13 results come in, what do you do? Do you analyze
14 them yourself and then call the project manager?

15 A. No, I see the results, contact the project
16 coordinator and Conrail.

17 Q. Is there a report made of this? Is there a final
18 report that deals with sampling?

19 A. Of which sample?

20 Q. The soil vapor sample.

21 A. No.

22 Q. No final report?

23 A. Not -- no.

1 Q. Is it included in any report?

2 A. No.

3 Q. What are the results used for? If they're
4 negative results what happens next?

5 MR. ERMILIO: Can you rephrase that
6 question? You're asking about negative results?

7 MR. RUVOLO: Ask him either way.

8 Q. When you see the results of the analysis what do
9 you use those numbers for? If they're negative
10 what does that tell you? When I say negative,
11 they contain CCI.

12 MR. ERMILIO: You're asking for his
13 conclusions based on the results?

14 Q. I'm asking what the next step would be. If you
15 saw a sample result which showed CCI 4.

16 A. We relay the information.

17 Q. To the project coordinator?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Would he make a report of your findings?

20 A. No.

21 Q. It sounds kind of silly, but what I'm trying to
22 figure out is why gather this information? What
23 is the purpose? What does it tell you?

1 A. It tells you the presence or absence of
2 contaminants at that sample location.

3 Q. When you find that there is a presence, what's
4 the next step?

5 A. We would inform the project coordinator and
6 inform Conrail of the results.

7 Q. Do you make an attempt to remove the contaminant?

8 A. For soil vapor surveys?

9 Q. Uh-huh.

10 A. No.

11 Q. That's part of the remedial investigation? In
12 other words, you're just doing an investigation
13 to determine whether it's there or not?

14 A. Right, that's correct.

15 Q. Then later on down the road somebody decides it's
16 there so we have to do something about it so this
17 is what we'll do, correct?

18 A. Could be.

19 MR. ERMILIO: Peter, that's --

20 Q. On the right-hand side of the same page upper
21 right there's a diagram. Explain that for us.

22 A. Looks to be a rough schematic of where we
23 believed that their septic system was located at

1 the ASA Fiberglass facility.

2 Q. Where is that facility --

3 A. That is --

4 Q. -- located on the property?

5 A. I believe it's on the north -- excuse me -- the
6 southwest corner of the property.

7 Q. Right underneath that it says northeast corner of
8 finger system, Building 1. Is that reference to
9 the diagram?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Then underneath that you said Bill McCaslin said
12 it did rain on Saturday. What is the effect of
13 the rain, if anything?

14 A. Could possibly cause your -- the soil in the area
15 to be moist and maybe affect the ability of soil
16 vapors to be drawn through the soil.

17 Q. So would that delay testing, if it rained?

18 A. Depend on how hard the rain was.

19 Q. Is there anything in the next page or two that
20 shows when you did begin sampling again on that
21 particular area?

22 A. I'm sorry. Could you restate that.

23 Q. My copy is very blurred and I'm sure yours is

1 too, but if you recall or if you want to consult
2 the original if you've got it, is there any
3 reference to when you began sampling after this
4 rainy Saturday?

5 A. The left-hand column of the next page details the
6 soil vapor points 3 through 6 that are noted on
7 the previous diagram.

8 MR. RUVOLO: I'm sorry. Would you repeat
9 that.

10 (Reporter read previous answer.)

11 Q. It merely says that it rained on Saturday.
12 Wouldn't you -- is there a reference in your
13 logbook or is it normal to put a reference in
14 your logbook as to why you delay testing or that
15 you delayed testing because of the rain?

16 A. I don't believe that we did delay testing.

17 Q. If you had, would you have made an entry in your
18 log?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. The following page 20809 is another diagram. Can
21 you tell us what that is?

22 A. That is basically the entire facility detailing
23 various buildings and locations of other soil

1 vapor points.

2 Q. Again, this is where on the property?

3 A. There is the whole property.

4 Q. The entire Conrail yard?

5 A. The entire ASA Fiberglass facility.

6 Q. And again, that is where on the property? In the
7 northeast?

8 MR. ERMILIO: When you're saying on the
9 property, do you mean on Conrail's property?

10 MR. RUVOLO: On Conrail's property.

11 A. It's on U.S. 33. It's toward the northwest.

12 Q. Is it on Conrail's property or is it off
13 Conrail's property?

14 A. This is off Conrail's property.

15 Q. Why were you testing over there?

16 A. To determine presence or absence of carbon
17 tetrachloride at this facility.

18 Q. Did you have any indication that there might be
19 some there at that facility?

20 A. Prior to --

21 Q. The testing.

22 A. I believe that information was obtained from
23 deposition statements from the owner of ASA

1 Fiberglass.

2 Q. Who is Chuck? He's referred to on the next page
3 20810 in the top right-hand side?

4 A. That would be Chuck Dittmar.

5 Q. What was his relationship?

6 A. He was the chemist that was performing the
7 analysis of the soil vapor samples.

8 Q. Chemist for whom? For Conrail?

9 A. Groundwater Technology.

10 Q. Who was Bill McCaslin?

11 A. Bill McCaslin, I believe, is the owner of ASA
12 Fiberglass.

13 Q. Referring to the upper right-hand corner, drop
14 off vapor sample Chuck and leave to gauge --
15 what's the following word?

16 A. Nappanee. That's another site that we have.

17 Q. Where is that site?

18 A. It's in Nappanee, Indiana.

19 Q. Is it part -- does it have any relation to the
20 Conrail property?

21 A. Unrelated.

22 Q. Turning to page 20811, again it's kind of blurry,
23 but down at the bottom in the lower left it says

1 change Teflon and Tygone today. Recalibrate to
2 zero, and I can't read the rest.

3 A. Yes. What's the question?

4 Q. What does that refer to?

5 A. That's referring to the beginning of each day
6 recalibrating the photo ionization detector and
7 change the teflon tubing.

8 Q. How often do you say that is done?

9 A. I believe it was at least once a day.

10 Q. Are there any other prior references to that in
11 your logbook?

12 A. I do not know.

13 Q. Maybe when we take a break you can take a look
14 and see if there are any. If I recall, that's
15 the first reference that I've seen. On C0 20812
16 is another diagram. Can you tell us what that
17 refers to?

18 A. I believe this is the north side of the property.

19 Q. Is it on the property?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. It says warehouse.

22 A. Yeah, it's the main -- the largest building on
23 the facility. It's a schematic showing where we

1 collected soil vapor samples behind or to the
2 north of the main warehouse building.

3 MR. ERMILIO: Peter, can you define what
4 you mean by property.

5 MR. RUVOLO: I'm talking about the
6 Conrail property. When we go off site, I'll
7 refer to it as off site.

8 MR. ERMILIO: I think this is a
9 misunderstanding.

10 A. This is not Conrail property.

11 Q. Where is this?

12 A. This is ASA Fiberglass.

13 Q. What does ASA Fiberglass have to do with either
14 the diesel investigation or the Track 69
15 investigation?

16 A. There may be a contributing source to
17 contamination in the area at that facility.

18 Q. Did your tests indicate that?

19 MR. ERMILIO: I'll let you discuss the
20 results of your test but not an opinion as to
21 whether there's a source at that property.

22 Q. What were the results of your testing?

23 A. The results were very low levels of carbon at the

1 time detected in a few samples.

2 Q. Can you tell from this diagram how many samplings
3 you did on that -- around that warehouse?

4 A. Just to the north side or on the whole facility?

5 Q. On the whole facility.

6 A. I believe we did 19 or 20. I'd have to look at a
7 map generated of the facility to confirm that.

8 Q. Again, which investigation was this pertaining
9 to? The diesel or an independent?

10 A. This would be part of the Phase II Track 69
11 investigation.

12 Q. There is no date in the book. Can you give us
13 the approximate time?

14 A. Of this soil vapor survey here?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. That would have been October of '91. I believe
17 it was 9/30 and 10/1 of 1991.

18 Q. Turn to page CO 20817. Which brings us to
19 sometime in 1992; is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. About the middle of the page it says leave to
22 finish sampling between Track 63 and 64. What
23 was the relevance of that?

1 A. That was part of the soil vapor survey we
2 conducted in the southwest area of the main
3 classification yard.

4 Q. I presume 64 and 64 which is four or five tracks
5 away from Track 69?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. The following page indicates at the bottom on the
8 lower left-hand side on January of 29th of '92
9 that you were going also do some sampling on
10 Track 70 and 71?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. Would you tell us what the results of those
13 samplings were?

14 A. Of that entire soil vapor survey?

15 Q. Uh-huh.

16 A. I believe we found TCE in the area of the west
17 end between Track 64 and 65. I believe it was in
18 the area of EPA lead screen auger boring 29 or
19 30. I can't remember which one. TCE was
20 detected at approximately one thousand milligrams
21 per cubic meter.

22 Q. Will you turn to page C0 20824, January 31st.

23 Is that the correct date? It says January 31,

1 1991.

2 A. That should probably be '92.

3 Q. The second entry eight to nine o'clock is confer
4 with Chuck Dittmar and Rita Boje concerning
5 placement of 20 extra soil vapor points and
6 discuss investigative clear route areas and
7 drainage --

8 A. Ponds.

9 Q. -- pond to south. What was that all about?

10 A. As part of the methodology initially we set up a
11 grid pattern. I believe it was 50-point grid.
12 We would complete that grid but also reserve
13 extra points to delineate any areas of positive
14 response or other areas we might feel of concern.

15 Q. When you say positive response, what are you
16 referring to?

17 A. When we detect TCE.

18 Q. Is that all you detected TCE at this point?

19 A. I believe so.

20 Q. And you -- were you the one that wanted the 20
21 extra soil vapor points? Was that your request?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Whose idea was that?

1 A. That was in the proposal for the work.

2 Q. Were they put in?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Reference at 9:30 drove to the pond or drove to
5 pond and find discharge pit. What was that
6 discharge used for?

7 A. I believe at the car cleanout area there is a
8 line that I assume for surface drainage water to
9 run into and discharge to the -- this pond to the
10 south of the area.

11 Q. Did you do any sampling in that area?

12 A. I believe I took two soil vapor samples in that
13 area.

14 Q. Do you recall what the results were?

15 A. I believe they were non-detect.

16 Q. On the right-hand side there's reference to Eric
17 Henderson?

18 A. I believe so.

19 Q. What was his responsibility? Who was he?

20 A. He was a new field technician who was assisting
21 me in the soil vapor survey.

22 Q. And when did he come on board?

23 A. I can't recall.

1 Q. And he also completed a field survey book, field
2 book?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. He kept a field book as well?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Does everybody that was on the -- strike that.
7 Who else besides yourself and Eric Henderson did
8 some sampling work out there?

9 A. During this investigation?

10 Q. Yeah. Let's talk about the first one, the diesel
11 one.

12 A. Ken Coad.

13 Q. How do you smell that?

14 A. C-o-a-d. Matt Darney. At various times we've
15 had numerous field technicians if we needed them
16 to go out to the site. I'm not sure I can recall
17 all of their names.

18 Q. How about the Track 69 investigation?

19 A. Primarily myself, Matt Manka, Ben Claybaugh, Eric
20 Henderson. You're asking for people assisting in
21 sampling?

22 Q. Yeah, who were out in the field doing the
23 actually sampling work.

1 A. Mike Barnes. I believe that's all.

2 Q. Are these people still with GTI, Barnes,
3 Henderson?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Who are still with GTI?

6 A. I believe Ken Coad is.

7 Q. Do they all keep field books?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did they all turn in field books when they left
10 GTI?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Does your company keep a folder on these field
13 books or keep them in a file?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Turning to page 20826, 8:30 on the left-hand side
16 dated March 23, '92. Lowe Construction arrives.
17 What was that about?

18 A. This is in regards to the diesel investigation.

19 Q. What was their purpose?

20 A. We were installing a remediation system at the
21 diesel shop. They were the contractors that were
22 to install a carrier pipe beneath the eastbound
23 departure yard. They were bore and jack

1 contractors.

2 Q. Whose decision was it to install this system?

3 A. Combination of Dave Arnold, Rita Boje and
4 Conrail.

5 Q. What was the purpose of this system?

6 A. Remediation of the diesel fuel in the subsurface
7 at the diesel shop.

8 Q. What did the remediation process entail?

9 A. Dual pumping systems, water pumps to draw down
10 the water table, create cones of depression into
11 which the diesel fuel would be captured and then
12 pumped out with a separate diesel fuel pump.

13 Q. Was sampling done at the diesel fuel to be pumped
14 out? Was it done on the fuel itself?

15 A. Sampling of the fuel?

16 Q. Uh-huh.

17 A. No.

18 Q. Any testing of it?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Sampling of ground after it had been pumped out?

21 A. No.

22 Q. What kind of sampling, if any, was done?

23 A. During installation of the remediation systems?

1 Q. With the matter that was being removed was any
2 sampling or analysis done of that?

3 A. No.

4 Q. The analysis on the sampling had been done prior
5 to that. Is that the reason?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you knew what the results were?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. And this was the process for removing it?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. Also makes reference on the right-hand side to
12 North American. What was North American?

13 A. They were the other contractor that was involved
14 in the trenching activities.

15 Q. At the lower right on this page three o'clock it
16 says Lowe Construction finishes pushing casing.

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. North American digs out leaders, end of casing to
19 retrieve auger bit that was lost in casing.

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. What does that refer to?

22 A. The bore and jack basically entails horizontal
23 drilling and they send in an auger bit

1 horizontally into the earth, and as the auger
2 drills a bore hole, they then push the casing
3 along behind the auger bit and that's how they
4 advance the casing. Apparently the auger head
5 broke off inside the casing and the end of the
6 casing had to be excavated and the auger bit
7 retrieved apparently.

8 Q. Next page 20827 on the right-hand side. 9/13 or
9 4/13, which is it?

10 A. Looks like 4/13.

11 Q. 4/13/92 at 3:15. We have a lot of things to do
12 but I won't go through each of them. What did
13 you mean by No. 2, assess conditions of on-site
14 EPA wells and picture?

15 A. Simply go around, check the condition of EPA
16 monitoring wells and collect pictures.

17 Q. When you say check the condition, do you mean do
18 you take any samples or do you look at the
19 outside?

20 A. Look at the outside.

21 Q. What was the purpose of that?

22 A. Just to assess the condition.

23 Q. And you took pictures of --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you know where those pictures are?

3 A. Yes, they're here in our office in the files.

4 Q. Did you make a report on the condition?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Just the pictures themselves?

7 A. That's correct.

8 MR. ERMILIO: Is this in connection with
9 diesel or --

10 Q. That's the question. Where were these wells
11 located?

12 A. They're primarily EPA wells installed during
13 their Phase I and II remedial investigations.

14 MR. RUVOLO: Just as an aside, Jim, do we
15 have those pictures? Were they sent to us?

16 MR. ERMILIO: We assume so. I'd have to
17 confirm it, but off the top of my head I cannot
18 tell you yes or no.

19 MR. RUVOLO: If we don't, may we?

20 MR. ERMILIO: Absolutely. We'll talk
21 about it later when I check.

22 Q. No. 3 is pull water/product hoses for diesel
23 installation. What does that refer to?

1 A. These are hoses that have been connecting the
2 recovery wells to the recovery compound. We had
3 to pull them through the raceways that were
4 installed within the trenches.

5 Q. What were they doing?

6 A. Pardon me.

7 Q. What would they accomplish, the hoses? What was
8 their purpose?

9 A. That's what you would pump the groundwater and
10 diesel fuel through.

11 Q. Collect bio samples. What does that refer to?

12 A. That was, as I recall, a side issue concerning
13 collecting surface samples that may have --
14 actually it wasn't in relationship to the diesel
15 shop investigation or the EPA or the Track 69
16 investigation.

17 Q. What was it in reference to?

18 A. I believe it was with reference to throughout the
19 yard they have retarders that slow trains down as
20 they go down into the main classification yard,
21 and they're self-oiling retarders, and as they
22 self oil I believe some of the oil can get onto
23 the surface soils, and I believe Conrail was

1 interested in investigating a method of bio
2 treatment to spray onto the surface to remediate
3 any oils that might have gotten on the surface.

4 Q. When you say bio treatment, what does that mean?

5 A. Using organisms or biological organisms to
6 degrade or consume the contaminant.

7 Q. How many samples were taken of the retarders --
8 in the area where the retarders were?

9 A. It was never done.

10 Q. So what is the meaning of collect bio samples?

11 A. I think at that time we were planning to do but
12 subsequently it was decided against.

13 Q. Did you take soil samples from the area where the
14 retarders were?

15 A. No.

16 Q. No. 5, collect lab samples for diesel soil and
17 16 or something to the right. I can't read it.
18 what does that refer to?

19 A. That was with reference to during the
20 installation of the remediation system it
21 generated soils that contained diesel fuel. At
22 that time there was interest in the technology
23 called soil washing or soil washing machine that

1 could be utilized to remediate the soil, and
2 there were going to be lab samples collected for
3 bench testing to see how -- if that would be a
4 technology that could be used.

5 Q. What happened with the samples?

6 A. The samples were never collected.

7 Q. They were never collected. The process was
8 never --

9 A. Right.

10 Q. No. 6, fix confined space entry and something at
11 manholes, leaks at manholes. What does that
12 refer to?

13 A. Confined space entry, that may have just been a
14 permitting issue. When there's a confined space
15 you should have a confined space entry permit as
16 well, as some of the concrete boxes that were
17 installed, subgrade boxes or well volts that were
18 installed groundwater was seeping into them.

19 Q. What reference -- which investigation did this
20 have to do with?

21 A. This is all diesel shop investigation.

22 Q. What would be the effect of the leaks in the
23 manholes on your sampling, for example?

1 A. It would -- if you ever had to get into the well
2 vault and do any repairs and what not and
3 obviously the leaks and the water would pose a
4 problem each time. So if you can fix the leaks,
5 you don't have to worry about those problems.

6 Q. Is there any problems with dilution?

7 A. Pardon me.

8 Q. Any problems with dilution?

9 A. I'm not following you.

10 Q. Having an effect on your sampling? In other
11 words, the leaks coming in from the manholes the
12 water would dilute?

13 A. Samples would not be collected from these.

14 Q. Not from these areas?

15 A. Huh-uh.

16 Q. Next page 20828 dated April 15, 1992. 12:15 to
17 2:15. Go to trailer and clean out debris. Find
18 soil and water samples that need to be put into
19 barrels. What does that refer to?

20 A. During the Phase I and II Track 69 investigation
21 when we would take soil samples to the trailer to
22 be analyzed by the gas chromatograph naturally we
23 would generate small amounts of soil and water

1 that would have to be put into barrels for
2 subsequent disposal.

3 Q. Where would they be disposed?

4 A. Along with the other soil and groundwater what
5 was generated during the investigations.

6 Q. And the next sentence is pop, is it, all soil
7 vapor sample bags and throw into dumpster?

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. Is that what you meant by disposal?

10 A. Yes, for the tedlar bags, yes.

11 Q. Would the soil and water samples be in those bags
12 or would they be in the barrels?

13 A. They would be in barrels.

14 Q. So this would just refer to the bags in which
15 they had been contained, the soil and water
16 samples?

17 A. No, soil vapor.

18 Q. Soil vapor samples. 20829, don't see a
19 particular date on it, but on the upper left-hand
20 corner assess EPA wells. What's that number? A
21 telephone number?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. What do you mean by assess EPA wells?

1 A. What I said before. Just go out and visually
2 check them.

3 Q. Could you tell us where -- is there any reference
4 to where these wells were located?

5 A. They're across the site.

6 Q. Do you know how many wells there were out there?

7 A. I could hazard a guess. Probably around fifty.
8 That's total throughout the area. Actually
9 on-site fifteen, twenty possibly. I'm guessing.

10 Q. MW-34 right underneath that, does that refer to
11 the EPA well?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Flush mount locking cup?

14 A. Cap.

15 Q. Cemented around riser, good shape, soft cut, TOC
16 and you took a photo?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. The next one MW-30, good shape and you took
19 another photo and so forth. But you took photos
20 of all those wells, correct?

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. Do you have those photos?

23 A. Yes.

1 MR. RUVOLO: Have we gotten those photos?

2 MR. ERMILIO: Like I said before, I will
3 check. I have a means of checking. If you want
4 to take a break, I can do that now.

5 MR. RUVOLO: Two more minutes and take a
6 break. I think I'm just about finished with
7 this.

8 Q. Is that okay with you?

9 A. That's fine.

10 Q. 20831, which I believe is 4/16/92 on the
11 left-hand side at the 12:45 to 1:15 entry.

12 Talk with Rita whom?

13 A. That would be Rita Boje.

14 Q. I guess it's ballast and soil samples and soil
15 vapor survey report?

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. Who has that or what was the soil vapor survey
18 report? Is that something you did?

19 A. I believe that would be referring to the soil
20 vapor survey in the southwest area of the
21 Track 69 -- or of the main classification yard,
22 and that was a report that I was involved in
23 generating.

1 Q. Who was the report for?

2 A. Conrail.

3 Q. Had you done the sampling or had you reviewed the
4 sampling that had been done before contributing
5 to this report?

6 A. I participated in the sampling, yes.

7 Q. Who got this report at Conrail? Do you know?

8 A. I assume Tom Pendergast received it.

9 MR. RUVOLO: Do we have a copy of that?

10 MR. ERMILIO: You do have a copy of that,
11 yes.

12 Q. Then it says call Jeff Geary about collecting
13 samples at the retarders. Does that refer back
14 to what we talked about before where the
15 retarding equipment was?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Were samples taken or were they not taken?

18 A. As I recall, samples were not taken.

19 Q. So when you say call Jeff Geary about collecting
20 samples, what do you mean or what did you mean at
21 that time?

22 A. Arrange a time when he could shut down the tracks
23 so if I needed to collect samples I'd be able to

1 do so.

2 Q. Later that afternoon you talked to him and you
3 couldn't do it at that time, correct? Bottom of
4 the page left-hand side.

5 A. Yes, apparently.

6 Q. And you're telling us that they never were taken?

7 A. Yes, I don't believe they were.

8 MR. RUVOLO: Okay. Want to take a break?

9 MR. ERMILIO: Couple minutes.

10 (Short break taken.)

11 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 marked for
12 identification.)

13 Q. (Mr. Ruvolo continuing) Mr. West, I show you
14 Exhibit 3 for identification. As you can see,
15 it's a package, and in the interest of saving
16 time, I'm introducing the whole package, but we
17 won't go through them one by one, I promise.
18 They're all drilling log reports, if you'd like
19 to look through them, and I think they were all
20 logged by you; is that correct?

21 A. Yes, that's what it says on the page.

22 Q. And they were all sketched by you; is that
23 correct?

1 A. That's what it states on the page.

2 Q. So I get an understanding what these represent.

3 Let's take it step by step and see what

4 everything means. It says project, Consolidated

5 Rail Corporation, Elkhart, Indiana, Project No.

6 040209207-0101. That's the whole project? Does

7 that refer to the whole project, that number,

8 that project number?

9 A. The project number refers to the whole project.

10 The hyphenated number at the end refers to a

11 specific task.

12 Q. These all refer -- all have the same number at

13 the end, 0101; is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What was that specific reference to?

16 A. 0101, that would have to do with the Track 69

17 investigation.

18 Q. So these would all have to do with the Track 69

19 investigation -- and other tracks? You just

20 didn't sample at 69; you sampled at other tracks?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. But it all has to do with that same

23 investigation?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. I take it the boring No. B-6 refers to a boring
3 number that you numbered B-6, correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Then there was a date it was drilled and the
6 total depth, which was ten feet in the instance
7 of page one, and a diameter of eight inches. Who
8 chose the depth?

9 A. That was based on a field call by Rita Boje and
10 Dave Arnold.

11 Q. Did you have any input into that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Pardon me?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. That would be what you would call the shallow?

16 A. It was not a well. This was just a boring.

17 Q. What is the purpose of the boring?

18 A. The boring was for the purpose of assessing
19 subsurface characteristics.

20 Q. Such as --

21 A. In terms of soil type as well as sampling for
22 soil contamination.

23 Q. How would the sampling be done?

1 A. During the drilling of a bore hole split spoons
2 would be collected continuously throughout the
3 entire bore hole, and from the split spoons we
4 would collect a soil sample and submit it for
5 analysis on site by the field gas chromatograph.

6 Q. What do you mean by split spoon?

7 A. The split spoon, as they drill down they drive
8 what is called the split spoon beyond the drill
9 bit to obtain a sample of undisturbed soil, and
10 you bring it up and you split it open and you can
11 describe the soil type and collect a sample.

12 Q. What would be done with the sample, the actual
13 physical sample that you took up? What would you
14 do with that?

15 A. After the sample was collected for GC analysis,
16 then it would be put into a barrel for subsequent
17 disposal.

18 Q. Put into a barrel?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. And testing would be done on the spot?

21 A. It would be done on site by the gas
22 chromatograph.

23 Q. Does this re -- hold that for a second. The

1 fourth line it says initial water depth 5.5,
2 five feet five inches?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What does this that refer to?

5 A. That's where we encountered groundwater.

6 Q. You continued drilling beyond that to a depth of
7 another four and a half feet?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. The drilling was done by Stearns Drilling; is
10 that correct?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. Who retained Stearns Drilling?

13 A. Pardon me.

14 Q. Who retained or who hired Stearns Drilling?

15 A. Groundwater Technology.

16 Q. And the drilling method was the hollow-stem
17 auger. Would you describe that for us?

18 A. The hollow-stem auger is a basically a hollow
19 tube with flanges wrapped around it. Somewhat
20 like a big screw, and there's a drill bit on the
21 end and you drill with the hollow stem auger, and
22 because it's hollow you can then proceed to put
23 your split spoon down and collect samples as you

1 go.

2 Q. Up in the upper right-hand corner there's a
3 diagram which I take it refers to various borings
4 that were taken in the area; is that correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. In the Track 65 -- between 64 and 65 were there
7 three borings taken?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And does that number next to them refer to the
10 depth, 75?

11 A. No, that's the distance apart.

12 Q. Apart from each other?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Those borings were taken between those two
15 tracks; is that correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And then am I correct that there were also three
18 borings -- there were two other borings taken in
19 the north-south direction from Track -- from
20 between Track 46 and 65 down to Track 72 and a
21 half, 73?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And then there were also borings taken on the

1 left-hand side BMW between 68 and 69?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. And two between 69 and 70?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. Who made the decision as to where these borings
6 would be placed?

7 A. The general location of the borings was put forth
8 in the proposal for the Phase I investigation.
9 Actual placement in the field could have been
10 modified based on results achieved from the field
11 gas chromatograph, and those decisions would be
12 made by Rita, Dave.

13 Q. Is there any particular reason for the spacing
14 between the borings?

15 A. The spacing between them?

16 Q. Uh-huh. In the top set going across east to west
17 there's one 75 feet from another, then 112 feet
18 before you hit the next. When you get down
19 around 68, 69 there's a space of 132, 76, 73.
20 There's a big difference in space distance.

21 A. In general they were -- again, I say they were
22 set forth in the proposals to what the spacing
23 would be, but in general they were zeroing in

1 where we believed the center of the source area
2 based on the soil vapor survey was. Then borings
3 would be placed in a grid type pattern radiating
4 outward, and then based on the results between
5 individual borings, the other borings would be
6 placed.

7 Q. The second bottom two thirds of the page there's
8 another diagram on the right-hand side is a
9 description/soil classification, the color,
10 texture and structure, correct?

11 A. Yes, that's correct.

12 Q. Then the last section in the other right-hand
13 corner it says EOB at ten feet?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What does that mean?

16 A. End of boring.

17 Q. Can you tell us from this document what the
18 results of the testing of the borings turned out
19 to be?

20 A. If you look in the GC/MS column, it designates
21 soil samples were collected and in some instances
22 what the results were. Doesn't show all of the
23 results.

1 Q. Why doesn't it show all the results?

2 A. I believe these are draft drilling logs.

3 Q. Were the reports that were taken immediately
4 after the testing, were they kept? In other
5 words, did you review the reports of the testing
6 from these borings and then make out this chart
7 and then what the findings were?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Does GTI still have the results of those boring
10 tests?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. The second page CO 19600 also refers to the same
13 area, the same borings; is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Is there a specific one that was taken? In other
16 words, this is BMW-5D?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. This was to a depth of 100 feet; is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. It's not on the same day, February 26, 1991?

21 A. Yes, that would have been the starting date.

22 Q. The water level -- the initial water depth, I
23 should say, was approximately the same, six feet?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. You said before that you believed they were
3 drafts reports?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Is there any indication or any reference to those
6 drafts in this set of diagrams or reports?

7 A. No. There's one on C0 19615.

8 MR. ERMILIO: You're referring to the
9 Bates number?

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, 19615.

11 Q. Where would the reference be on that page?

12 A. Top right hand.

13 Q. Draft?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Were logs or final bore logs collected at the
16 end? Is there a final report or is this the
17 report? Are these the boring reports?

18 A. These are the present boring logs, yes.

19 Q. Are there any others that you know of?

20 A. There are others.

21 Q. -- with regard to these areas?

22 A. For different borings?

23 Q. Uh-huh.

1 A. Yes. I don't believe this contains all the
2 borings.

3 Q. Do you know how many borings you made?

4 A. I think during Phase I there were eleven borings
5 and with Phase II I think the total number
6 increased to 24.

7 MR. RUVOLO: Do we have those?

8 MR. ERMILIO: It's my understanding you
9 have all the boring logs. Once again, I can
10 confirm that if you'd like.

11 MR. RUVOLO: Appreciate it.

12 MR. ERMILIO: It's my understanding they
13 were all produced.

14 Q. The first -- from 19599 through 19603 all refer
15 to this particular area that's depicted in the
16 upper right-hand corner which is between Track 64
17 and 73 roughly?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Those are the borings that were taken in that
20 area?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. There's a footnote to that log up above, the X
23 GC/MS sample location?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Where is the X?

3 A. I'm sorry. Can you repeat that again? Are you
4 talking about the --

5 Q. Little note underneath the box up on the
6 right-hand corner.

7 A. I see. What's the question?

8 Q. What does the X refer to?

9 A. Look for the X on the boring log and you'll see
10 where the sample location was, the sample depth.

11 Q. Is there an X on the log is my question?

12 A. If you'll look, you'll see the graphics display
13 of the log. Look to the left column GC/MS to the
14 left of graphic log. You'll see X's.

15 Q. I see. What do the X's connotate on this? Just
16 using this first sheet.

17 A. The depth at which the sample is checked. If
18 you'll look across the left you'll see the depth.

19 Q. At six feet it shows under that column GC/MS
20 (ppm) 17.0. What does that refer to?

21 A. That was the level of carbon tetrachloride
22 detected in the soil sample collected at six
23 feet.

1 Q. That would be 17 parts per billion?

2 A. Per million.

3 Q. The next set which is pages 19604 through 10607
4 refer to a different area; is that correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. That is a diagram in the east end of the yard?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Near the control tower?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And this was done on the other side of the north
11 access road; is that correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. The northern side?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. This was an RMW boring?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What was the purpose of that?

18 A. RMW-2D was a deep well installed in this area to
19 determine the presence or absence of carbon
20 tetrachloride in soil at this location.

21 Q. Were you looking for anything other than carbon
22 tetrachloride?

23 A. I believe we analyzed for TC as well.

1 Q. Am I correct two borings in that area?

2 A. Yes, RMW-2 was actually installed during the
3 remedial investigation in '89 and RMW-2D was
4 installed during the Track 69 investigation.

5 Q. Turning to 19608, these were drilling with boring
6 No. B-7?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And this goes back to the other area between
9 Track 64 and Track 73?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. That we referred to before. Underneath notes
12 about six feet down is an upside down triangle.
13 What does that refer to?

14 A. That denotes where groundwater was initially
15 encountered.

16 Q. Then there were various markings at two feet; is
17 that correct? Is that 5.7?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Parts per million?

20 A. That would be parts per billion. If you'll look
21 in the notes underneath the figure.

22 Q. I see. Underneath the chart. That was carbon
23 tetrachloride?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Then there was 10.4 parts at four feet; is that
3 correct?

4 A. That is correct.

5 Q. And 46.1 parts at six feet?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. And ten parts at ten feet?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. 210 parts at fifteen feet?

10 A. That would be parts per million.

11 Q. And 149, is that parts per million or billion?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Per million?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. At 20 feet and so forth. B-7 is the boring that
16 was taken between Track 64 and 65?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What is the difference -- I'm sorry. Page 19609
19 is further depth; is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Would it be fair to say that the depth -- the
22 carbon tetrachloride was found all the way down
23 up through 60 feet at various parts?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. 19611 and 19612 refer to Boring B-2; is that
3 correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. That was between Track 69 and 70; is that
6 correct?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. And this was drilled in March of '91?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Thirty-six feet?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Same method, split-spoon method?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Here would the parts be per million or per
15 billion? You got at 18 feet 4.8?

16 A. That would be per million.

17 Q. And you got it at 20 feet at 11.3?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. And 24 feet, 113?

20 A. That may be a asterisk above the 113. I have to
21 verify that.

22 Q. What would that indicate?

23 A. That would be parts per billion rather than parts

1 per million.

2 Q. 19613 and 19614 refer to Boring B-3; is that
3 correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. B-3 is located down below Track 72 between 72 and
6 a half and 73, if there is one?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Depth is 36 feet, same method, and it was found
9 at six feet would that be parts per billion?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Thirty-four parts per million?

12 A. Per billion.

13 Q. 19615 refers to Boring B-1, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Which would be at the eastern end of Track 69?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. 19616 refers to a different area between Track 54
18 and 55 you took Boring BMW-4D?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Why was that chosen?

21 A. That was down gradient of the Track 69 area.

22 That was identified in the soil vapor survey.

23 Q. That would be west of the classification yard?

1 A. That would be in the west end of the
2 classification yard.

3 Q. Roughly how far from the car shop? Any
4 indication?

5 A. Not on that diagram there's no indication, but I
6 would estimate 1,500 feet.

7 Q. So it's somewhat near the retarder tower? Would
8 that have anything to do with the retarder
9 testing?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Next page is in reference roughly to the same
12 area, same with 19618 and 19619, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. According to these records, there was no
15 detection in that area; is that correct?

16 A. Of BMW-4?

17 Q. Yeah.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. 19620 and 19621 refer to Boring B-4 which is
20 between Track -- it's on the eastern end of the
21 sampling box between Track 64 and 65?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. This goes to a depth of 36 feet and you found

1 parts at 15 feet. These are all parts per
2 billion because of the asterisk?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. 17 feet, 19 feet, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. The last of this group is Boring B-8 which would
7 be again between Track 64 and 65 only the western
8 end as far as this diagram is concerned?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. Going back one second. Both those borings were
11 to 86 feet; is that correct?

12 A. Both of --

13 Q. The one previous that we referred to BMW-4D.

14 A. BMW-4D was to 85. BMW-8 --

15 Q. Is to 86?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Looks like three hundred parts per million?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. At 14 and a half feet, and then there's two X's
20 and then 55 parts per million. What does the two
21 X's mean?

22 A. The 300 goes with the first X and the 55 goes
23 with the bottom X.

1 Q. Then there was found again at 20 feet 120 parts?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. As well as 30 feet the same. That's parts per
4 billion?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And 260 parts per billion at 40 feet?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And eleven parts per billion at 50 feet?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. How far distance-wise was Boring B-8 from
11 Boring B-4?

12 A. 112 feet plus 75 feet.

13 Q. And they're both between Track 64 and 65?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Last not but not least. 19624 and 19625 also
16 refer to that same B-8?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Just continuing down further. There were traces
19 found as far down as 85 feet; is that correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. That would all be carbon tetrachloride?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Again, I show you --

1 MR. RUVOLO: Would you mark that.

2 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 4 marked for
3 identification.)

4 Q. I'm going to show you Plaintiff's Exhibit 4 for
5 identification and ask if you can identify or
6 tell us what that's all about.

7 A. It's a summary sheet summarizing depths to water
8 measurements collected in Groundwater Technology
9 monitoring wells.

10 Q. This is -- you were the operator on this?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Is there a relationship between these and the
13 drilling logs we just talked about?

14 A. I believe BMW-4 was in the group that we just
15 looked at, Exhibit 3, which is also on this page.

16 Q. There's a whole slough on the left-hand side well
17 ID. It's a column of roughly 25 different wells.
18 Were boring records kept -- logs kept of each of
19 those wells?

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. RUVOLO: Do we have them all, Jim?

22 MR. ERMILIO: I believe you do have them
23 all. I'll confirm that for you. Once again,

1 it's my understanding all those were produced to
2 you.

3 Q. There's a different project number on this one.
4 The front part is the same but there's no 0101 at
5 the end of it. Does that have any meaning?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Still part of the same?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Would you just explain for me what the various
10 headings mean?

11 A. The well ID is the identification of each
12 monitoring well. The next column is the top of
13 casing elevation. The next column is depth to
14 screen. Actually the depth to the top of the
15 screen. Next column is depth to water below the
16 top of casing. Next column would be depth to
17 product.

18 Q. What do you mean when you say product?

19 A. This sheet is also used if you were gauging
20 diesel shop wells and they had diesel fuel in
21 them. Your interface probe would read initially
22 the product level, and then as it got through the
23 product it would read the depth to water, and

1 then the remaining columns show what the
2 thickness of the product would be and then you
3 would by knowing the specific gravity, you could
4 correct for the true depth of water, and finally
5 the right-hand column gives the corrected
6 groundwater elevation.

7 Q. What was the purpose for checking this data? Was
8 this -- did this have to do with the diesel oil
9 investigation or was this connected with the
10 Track 69 investigation?

11 A. This was the Track 69 investigation.

12 Q. In that instance what would the product be that
13 you were looking for?

14 A. Chlorinated solvents.

15 Q. Chlorinated solvents. Whereas with the diesel
16 area you would have been looking for fuel oil?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Can you tell us why you were looking for
19 chlorinated solvents?

20 A. Actually we were really just looking for depth to
21 water.

22 Q. When you say TOC, is that elevation from sea
23 level or is that --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. With RMW-1 it was 743.68 feet casing was from sea
3 level?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What is the screen, depth to screen? What does
6 the screen refer to?

7 A. The screened interval of the well, the depth at
8 which it sat, and the screen in each of these
9 instances is a ten-foot length screen. So for
10 instance, RMW-1 would be screen from 9.3 to 19.3
11 feet below grade.

12 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 5 marked for
13 identification.)

14 Q. Show you Exhibit 5 for identification, Mr. West.
15 If you would -- let's do a couple pages at a
16 time. 06954, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

17 MR. FREEMAN: Can you give us the Bates
18 range for the entire exhibit?

19 MR. RUVOLO: 06594 through 06975.

20 Q. Tell us what they refer to, sir.

21 A. These are the soil sample results from borings
22 installed during the Phase I Track 69
23 investigation.

1 Q. What do the columns indicate?

2 A. Left column indicates the sample -- the boring
3 from which the sample was collected and the depth
4 at which the sample was collected. The middle
5 column indicates the concentration of carbon
6 tetrachloride detected by the gas chromatograph.
7 The right-hand column indicates the concentration
8 of TCE detected by the gas chromatograph.

9 Q. When you say gas chromatograph, was that taken
10 right at the site right after you took the
11 sample?

12 A. The analyses were performed on site.

13 Q. It notes that this was taken between February
14 26th and March 21st of 1991?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. This refers back to the Boring B-9; is that
17 correct?

18 A. On this page B-8, B-9.

19 Q. Initially the typed part or the printed part
20 shows, for example, in the column on the right ND
21 which means non-detected; is that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Then there are handwritten notes that are put in

1 next to some of those where it shows PCE was
2 detected, correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. Whose notes were they?

5 A. Chuck Dittmar.

6 Q. And the same for just the one addition to the
7 middle column which was carbon tetrachloride,
8 there was just one addition put in there at 6.5
9 feet; is that correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. The next page is basically the same information,
12 but it pertains to different borings B-5, B-6,
13 B-7; is that correct?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. I believe they're all taken within the same time
16 frame?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. On the third page 06957 there are handwritten
19 numbers on the right. What do they refer to?

20 A. I believe that's the designation as to the number
21 of soil samples collected from each boring.

22 Q. The next set which is 06959 through 06967, can
23 you tell us what they are, sir?

1 A. They are the chromatograms and data files for
2 samples collected.

3 Q. When you say data files, is that GTI's data
4 files?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Go ahead. Would you tell us what they pertain
7 to?

8 A. Yes. If you'll look on 06959 you can look up and
9 the fourth line down you can see that that's the
10 data file for the soil sample at 15 feet from
11 Boring B-7.

12 Q. What does 3g/40 ml mean?

13 A. That must be the ratio of -- I'm not a chemist,
14 but I'm assuming that has something to do with
15 his analyze methodology.

16 Q. Who prepared this report?

17 A. It would be Chuck Dittmar as well.

18 Q. What was Chuck Dittmar's position?

19 A. He was the field chemist.

20 Q. He's the fella that would do the testing on the
21 site?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. Would these be his notes?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Up on the right of the first -- fourth line there
3 and then as well down at the lower left side is
4 DF 3000 and down below it says dilution factor
5 3300. What does that refer to, if you know?

6 A. I'm sorry. Could you restate that again.

7 Q. What does the DF 3000 at the right-hand side of
8 the fourth line refer to?

9 A. The dilution factor equals 3300.

10 Q. It says 3000 up there and then down below it says
11 3300.

12 A. I see. I would assume that means these diluted
13 the sample to a point where he can now accurately
14 quantify results down to but not below 3000 parts
15 per billion.

16 Q. I'm interested if you can tell us what some of
17 the penciled in comments refer to. For example,
18 there's a checkmark next to CCI4 on the
19 right-hand side.

20 A. I couldn't comment to what that means.

21 Q. You don't know what that 236687.13 refers to?

22 A. No.

23 Q. What is a CCI4 calibration?

1 A. Pardon me.

2 Q. It says estimated from carbon tetrachloride
3 calibration. What does that refer to?

4 A. I believe for each carbon tetrachloride and TCE
5 he has a standard that he prepares by which he
6 can compare the chromatogram from a soil sample
7 to the chromatogram of a sample, and if you know
8 the concentration of your standard, then you can
9 determine the concentration that's in your soil
10 sample. I don't believe he did not have a
11 standard for PCE in this case, but looking at
12 their chromatograms, I believe he noticed a peak
13 coming out that he couldn't identify because he
14 did not have a standard, but it was his
15 estimation that it was PCE, and based on carbon
16 tetrachloride response with its standard, he
17 could estimate the concentration of PCE as well.

18 Q. That ratio down at the bottom, does that refer to
19 carbon tetrachloride, in other words, the 15516
20 divided by 52426 times 32 times 3000?

21 A. I would assume.

22 Q. So that it comes out to 28 parts per million. He
23 was referring to carbon tetrachloride?

1 A. He was referring to an estimate value for PCE.

2 Q. Next is a diagram or graph chart. Can you tell
3 us what that represents?

4 A. That's the chromatogram for, I'm assuming, the
5 B-7 15-foot soil sample.

6 Q. Tell us what that indicates.

7 A. Well, I'm not really sure I could go into that.
8 Obviously the numbers on the previous page
9 describe the chromatogram or relate to the
10 chromatogram to the extent where he can calculate
11 concentrations of carbon tetrachloride and TCE.

12 Q. The next two pages are basically the same type of
13 information, different area or different boring?

14 A. I can't comment because I don't see a boring or
15 depth.

16 Q. Pages 09693 and 06964 refer to B-2, Boring B-2?

17 A. Yes, that's correct.

18 Q. 06965, 06966 refer to RMW-2S; is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Tell us where that well was.

21 A. That was to the northwest of the car shop area.

22 Q. According to page 06965, he found carbon
23 tetrachloride, TCE and PCB?

1. A. And what?

2. Q. What was the last one?

3. A. PCE.

4. Q. Again, are these documents that we just talked
5. about, they go into a report or into a file? In
6. other words, what's the importance of these
7. documents in this whole overall picture? They
8. tell us that there's carbon tetrachloride and
9. TCE, et cetera.

10. MR. ERMILIO: What do you mean by
11. importance? Are you asking his opinion on how
12. important they are versus other things?

13. Q. Yeah, how does this rate in regard to an overall
14. understanding of the situation, if you know.

15. MR. ERMILIO: Before you answer that you
16. need to clear that up if you're asking him for
17. his opinion. If you're asking him what they are,
18. he can tell you what they are and what other
19. documents they go along with, but I'm not going
20. to let him tell you these are the most important,
21. these are the least important. That's for
22. experts at a later date. That's not for him to
23. decide.

1 Q. To reach an overall decision you have to have
2 various parts that played a role in that
3 decision. Where do these reports relate to some
4 of the others that we've talked about this
5 morning? What's the connection?

6 A. I'm confused as to what decision you're talking
7 about.

8 MR. ERMILIO: That's vague. I don't
9 understand the question.

10 Q. You're the geologist and you work for the company
11 and you would understand more than I, I'm sure,
12 as to what were the purposes for collecting this
13 type of data. I'm wondering if you could tell us
14 what the purpose was.

15 A. Simply to characterize the site.

16 Q. And that goes -- the same would be said for the
17 other documents that we talked about this
18 morning, for example, the monitoring wells and
19 the boring logs, et cetera?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. I take it what you're telling us when you say
22 characterize the site, you mean to determine the
23 presence or absence in various locations of

1 carbon tetrachloride, TCE and/or PCE?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. Were there any other chemicals or contaminants
4 that you were looking for?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Was that part of the -- was just to concentrate
7 on carbon tetrachloride and TCE?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. The next set of pages 06970 and 71 and 72 have to
10 do with GTEL Laboratories. However, they have to
11 do with sampling that I believe was taken by you.
12 Could you take a look at those.

13 A. I don't have them.

14 Q. 06970 and the next two attached to Exhibit 5.

15 A. What's the question?

16 Q. You were the sampler at least in these two
17 instances?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. This is part of the chain of title record?

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. And it's an analysis request?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. They're both in regard to water and ice. Tell us

1 why that was chosen?

2 A. Which page are you on now?

3 Q. I'm looking at the two charts which are -- that
4 are attached as 06971 and 72.

5 A. What's the question again?

6 Q. The matrix is water and the method preserved was
7 ice. Is that in reference to how you kept the
8 sample?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. What kind of an analysis were you requesting?

11 A. Iron bacteria on the first page. The second page
12 looks like the same page to me.

13 Q. Where was this sampling taken from?

14 A. This was taken from a well that we had conducted
15 a pump test on located northwest of the car shop
16 area.

17 Q. So this had nothing to do with the Track 69 area?

18 A. It was a portion of the study of the Track 69
19 study to determine aquifer characteristics.

20 Q. What was the relevance of looking for an iron
21 bacteria count?

22 A. These results were basically inorganic
23 groundwater quality that could be useful in

1 remedial design, design of any remediation system
2 to determine what effects the groundwater quality
3 might have on the system design.

4 Q. This was back in October of '91, correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. The last three pages have to do with National
7 Environmental Testing, Inc. Who were they and
8 what was their relationship to this project?

9 A. They are another lab located in Indianapolis.

10 Q. Were they working on this project the same time
11 as GTEL was?

12 A. No, this is the only time that they've been used
13 for this project.

14 Q. Was to do an analytical report, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And Ken Coad that's referred to, that's the
17 gentleman you spoke about before as having done
18 some sampling on the property?

19 A. I think the results went to him in error.

20 Q. The next page says it -- says should send it to
21 you?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What was the purpose of this sampling in this

1 analysis?

2 A. Again, that was to determine inorganic
3 groundwater quality.

4 Q. Where was it taken? Where was the sampling
5 taken?

6 A. I'm sorry.

7 Q. Where on the property was the sampling taken?

8 A. That was at the pump test well again to the
9 northwest of the car shop area.

10 Q. The result speaks for itself.

11 MR. RUVOLO: Want to take a break?

12 (Short break taken.)

13 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 6 marked for
14 identification.)

15 Q. Show you Exhibit No. 6 and ask if you can
16 identify that for us, Mr. West?

17 A. Yes, the proposal for the soil vapor survey in
18 the southwest area of the main classification
19 yard.

20 Q. Was this proposal prepared by yourself? The
21 letter is signed by you. It's a letter to Mr.
22 Pendergast, is it not?

23 A. That's correct.

1 Q. Was this document that's attached as well
2 prepared by yourself?

3 A. Excuse me.

4 Q. Did you prepare the attached document that the
5 letter refers to?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. It refers to attachment as being a scope of work.
8 How is that decided upon, what the scope of the
9 work would be?

10 A. That would have been a combination of Dave
11 Arnold's, Rita Boje's and mine and Conrail's
12 input.

13 Q. At this point had you completed your sampling
14 data or were you still doing sampling? This is
15 in January of '92.

16 A. We completed the Phase II Track 69 investigation.

17 Q. Had you completed the diesel area investigation?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Why would you be doing a soil vapor survey at the
20 west end at this time? In other words, what lead
21 you to that conclusion?

22 A. This was based upon EPA's Phase II remedial
23 investigation where they had detected TCE at the

1 west end of the class yard in their LSA borings,
2 and this is in response to that.

3 Q. Had you done any boring work in that area of the
4 yard prior to the EPA report?

5 A. I personally had not. I think one or two borings
6 were done as part of the initial remedial
7 investigation conducted by Groundwater
8 Technology.

9 Q. It also refers to sampling the EPA monitoring
10 wells. What was the purpose of that?

11 A. That would have been to get a complete or as much
12 possible data of all the monitoring wells on site
13 to have a complete picture of groundwater quality
14 at the site.

15 Q. Who were the other employers that are cc'd on
16 this letter, Phil Boxell? I know who Mr. Lambert
17 is.

18 A. I believe Phil is an in-house attorney for
19 Conrail.

20 Q. Paul Yaniga?

21 A. Paul was a vice-president and also a technical
22 resource for the project.

23 Q. From GTI?

1 A. From Groundwater Technology. Dave Arnold was the
2 project director and Jack Guswa is another
3 consultant hired by Conrail.

4 Q. What was Guswa's connection? Why was he hired?

5 A. I'm not sure.

6 Q. He was not hired by GTI; he was hired by Conrail?

7 A. No, that's correct.

8 Q. As the report says in the scope part of the work,
9 the idea was to identify the presence or absence
10 of carbon tetrachloride and TCE in the
11 subsurface, is that correct, at the western half
12 of the classification yard?

13 A. Yes, that's correct.

14 Q. Attached to the last page is a map. Is there
15 a -- tell us what that is, first, if you would.

16 A. A general map showing the areas where we would be
17 proposing to take soil vapor samples.

18 Q. Is that referring to where you were proposing to
19 take the samples or is that referring to -- the
20 initial proposal was way back then to do the grid
21 in this Track 69 area?

22 A. These are the proposed locations.

23 Q. Is there a reference to where these borings were

1 and what their numbers were?

2 A. In the final report it would show where we placed
3 actual soil vapor points and their corresponding
4 ID's.

5 Q. Where is that report? Do you have that report?

6 A. Yes, I have that report.

7 MR. ERMILIO: The report has been
8 produced.

9 Q. Each of those black dots on the map, what do they
10 represent?

11 A. The proposed soil vapor point location.

12 Q. Were all of those locations, were wells made in
13 each of those locations?

14 A. In general, yes.

15 Q. Do they include just GTI's wells or do they
16 include the EPA's wells?

17 A. These are just Groundwater Technology soil vapor
18 point proposed locations.

19 Q. Just a rough count of that would be there would
20 be about 60 of them. Were all 60 put in?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did you monitor the results?

23 A. Yes.

1 Q. Tell us what the results were as far as finding
2 carbon tetrachloride and TCE in the subsurface.

3 A. Carbon tetrachloride was found at low levels in
4 numerous soil vapor points. TCE was also found
5 in low levels in numerous points. TCE was found
6 in one soil vapor point, I believe it was, close
7 to EPA lead screen auger 29 at approximately a
8 thousand milligrams per cubic meter.

9 Q. Were these taken at various depths?

10 A. They were all in general taken at the same depth.

11 Q. We went through some logging reports today and
12 other reports and vapor surveys. Were they the
13 ones that are referenced to this particular
14 project?

15 A. Those were different soil vapor surveys than
16 this.

17 Q. Do you have copies of the individual soil vapor
18 surveys that were conducted as far as this
19 project?

20 A. I'm not sure I understand.

21 Q. As far as these particular sixty odd --

22 MR. ERMILIO: Copies of the individual
23 soil vapor surveys?

1 Q. Did you do a log on each one of those?

2 A. No, huh-uh.

3 Q. Where on this map would be the Track 69 area?

4 A. In general if you -- do you know what the main
5 class yard is? Generally from here to here.

6 Q. So then where would these be as far as track
7 numbers are concerned, if you know?

8 A. Track 69 would be in this group. They have nine
9 groups of eight tracks each. So Track 69 would
10 be in this group.

11 Q. Would you just take a pen and mark where Track 69
12 would be in red.

13 A. (Witness complied)

14 Q. Referring to Attachment A, were these vapor
15 points put in all at the same time or was it a
16 step-by-step kind of a thing?

17 A. It was a step-by-step one point after another.

18 Q. And you started between Track 63 and 64; is that
19 correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. Where the EPA boring was LSA 29?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. Why was that location picked first?

1 A. Because that is where they had detected TCE in
2 their Phase II investigation.

3 Q. Did your surveys also detect TCE in that area?

4 A. I believe --

5 MR. ERMILIO: You mean the surveys --
6 excuse me. The surveys prior to this
7 investigation or including this?

8 Q. Including these. Once you started your surveys,
9 did they confirm the TCE was in that location?

10 A. TCE was detected in soil vapor in this area.

11 Q. The following paragraph it says that the vapor
12 samples were collected approximately three feet
13 below the surface. Why was that decision made?
14 Why three feet and not six, eight, ten?

15 A. General groundwater there is approximately ten
16 feet below grade. If you go too deep, your
17 readings can reflect groundwater contamination,
18 and we were more interested in determining areas
19 that would be primarily soil contamination.

20 Q. Was it your decision to make it three feet?

21 A. That was a group decision.

22 Q. The Microtip that's referred to in the following
23 paragraph in dealing with the Tedlar bag, is that

1 what you described for us before?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. That would enable you to do the analysis on site?

4 A. Not the Microtip. An on-site gas chromatograph
5 would actually perform the analysis.

6 Q. Would the bags also be sent to a lab for
7 analysis?

8 A. No.

9 Q. How long did this project continue?

10 A. I believe sampling activities lasted for -- it
11 says in here. I believe it lasted for a couple
12 days. I think we had a weekend break and came
13 back and finished up on a Monday.

14 Q. How long did the whole operation take?

15 A. Approximately a week.

16 Q. And then the last line of that first page refers
17 to a report including the methodologies, findings
18 and recommendations made. Was there such a
19 report prepared?

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. RUVOLO: Do we have a copy of that,
22 Jim?

23 MR. ERMILIO: You should have.

1 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 7 marked for
2 identification.)

3 Q. This is Exhibit 7 Bates stamp No. CO 19106
4 through 19110. Can you tell us what that project
5 involves?

6 A. I'm sorry. I missed the question. Was looking
7 at it.

8 Q. That is a letter dated June 4, 1993?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. From you to Mr. Pendergast which is another scope
11 of work and cost estimate for soil vapor studies?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. Where were these to be taken?

14 A. At Elkhart Office Machines and Walerko Tool &
15 Engineering.

16 Q. As well as at the yard?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Up on top the re says Conrail Elkhart Railyard,
19 but that's in error or is it just relevant to
20 that project?

21 A. Relevant to that project.

22 Q. What was the purpose of these studies? These are
23 also vapor studies, soil vapor studies?

1 A. Again, to determine presence or absence of carbon
2 tetrachloride, TCE at these facilities.

3 Q. These studies, I take it, were proposed at the
4 same time as the other studies are concerned back
5 in 1991?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Going back to the previous exhibit dealing with
8 the soil vapor studies in the railyard, when were
9 they completed?

10 A. When were which studies completed?

11 Q. The ones we just talked about before. Exhibit 6,
12 the one on the yard itself, that you took on the
13 yard.

14 A. That was completed -- I can't remember the
15 specific dates, but towards the end of winter
16 '92, I believe.

17 Q. What were the results -- strike that. How many
18 surveys were made in these areas, Elkhart,
19 Walerko? That's it. Those two areas.

20 A. How many vapor samples?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. I believe there were 30 at Elkhart Office
23 Machines and 40 at Walerko.

1 Q. What lead you to make these surveys?

2 A. It was a decision by Conrail based on my
3 understanding to be file search information.

4 Q. Did you make the file searches?

5 A. No.

6 Q. In this instance you promised a brief report of
7 the methodologies and findings, et cetera. Was
8 that report completed?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Never made a report?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Any reason?

13 A. Conrail has not requested the final report.

14 Q. Has all the data been collected, all the testing
15 done?

16 A. Yes.

17 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 8 marked for
18 identification.)

19 Q. Bates No. CO 06572 to 06607. Let's take a look
20 and let's take a few at a time, if you would.
21 First which covers pages 06572 through 74. This
22 is a monitoring sample record; is that correct,
23 sir?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you prepare that record?

3 A. The first page, yes.

4 Q. What project was this in reference to? Was it
5 the diesel shop or Track 69?

6 A. This was subsequent to the remedial
7 investigation. I'm speaking of the first page
8 here. In between the remedial investigation, the
9 initial one, and the Track 69 investigation.

10 Q. This is dated in June of '89; is that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. The remedial investigation started at that point?

13 A. I believe it had been completed by then.

14 Q. It refers to bailing and sampling. That's the
15 method you described before for us; is that
16 correct? Purpose of site visit.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And it says other: slug tests. What are the
19 slug tests?

20 A. The slug tests were performed to determine
21 aquifer characteristics.

22 Q. How would they help?

23 A. They would determine hydraulic conductivity.

1 Q. How are they conducted?

2 A. They were conducted by inserting a slug into the
3 well.

4 Q. Excuse me for a moment. What's a slug, other
5 than a little thing that crawls along the ground?

6 A. Approximately a four- to five-foot long PVC pipe
7 closed at both ends. We would put it in the well
8 and it would displace a certain level of water.
9 It would change the level of the well, and you
10 would monitor the recovery or the return of the
11 water level back to its normal position.

12 Q. What would that tell you?

13 A. Again, through knowing that data you can
14 determine the hydraulic conductivity in the area
15 around the well.

16 Q. Again, a silly question. Why would you want to
17 know the hydraulic conductivity?

18 A. You can calculate other aquifer characteristics
19 and determine groundwater flow velocities.

20 Q. Using the map we just had, the previous exhibit,
21 if you would.

22 A. No. 7?

23 Q. The last page of No. 6. Would you mark on there

1 where these tests were conducted.

2 MR. ERMILIO: Which tests? Talking about
3 the slug test?

4 MR. RUVOLO: The slug test.

5 A. (Witness complied)

6 Q. Maybe you ought to switch and do it in black.

7 A. I'm going to have to refer to a map for the BMW-3
8 location, but I believe it's approximately here.

9 Q. After you conducted the sampling and you got the
10 samples, what happened next?

11 A. The slug test results or the other samples?

12 Q. Who gets them?

13 A. Rita Boje, Dave Arnold.

14 Q. Are they sent out for analysis, any further
15 analysis?

16 A. Which samples?

17 Q. You tell me which ones are. The vapor studies,
18 slug tests?

19 A. I'm not sure what the question is.

20 Q. Down below on the first page it says samples
21 going to what lab and you have GTEL, Wichita.
22 Which samples were those?

23 A. Those would be the ground samples from RMW-2 and

1 BMW-3 prior to the slug tests.

2 Q. Did you get the results back from those?

3 A. I'm sure we did, yes.

4 Q. Do you know what the results were?

5 A. I don't recall them off the top of my head, no.

6 Q. Attached to the last page of -- the page three
7 06574 is a -- it says Figure 3.0. I presume that
8 comes out of some report? Down at the bottom.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What report would that be?

11 A. I don't know. It's not a GTI report.

12 Q. This is a field drawing showing drum and sample
13 locations; is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And do you know who prepared it?

16 A. No, this was obtained from a file search.

17 Q. Did you verify any of the information in this
18 document, this page?

19 A. Actually, I believe now that this is a figure
20 from a report that I don't know what it's from,
21 but I believe I had field notes of my own on the
22 map from when we conducted this soil vapor
23 survey.

1 Q. Could you tell us what area it pertains to in
2 regard to the map that's in front of you from
3 Exhibit 6?

4 A. This map?

5 Q. Yeah.

6 A. This is the Robert Martin drum site, and in
7 relation to the yard, it would be off to the
8 northwest.

9 Q. So this was not conducted on the Conrail
10 property?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Why was this area picked for surveys?

13 A. Again, I believe from previous file searches.
14 May have the potential for presence of carbon
15 tetrachloride or TCE on the property.

16 Q. Did you connect this site up with any part of the
17 contamination that existed in Conrail?

18 MR. ERMILIO: Objection. I'm not going
19 to let him answer if you're asking for his
20 conclusion as to sources of contamination.

21 MR. RUVOLO: He is a geologist. I think
22 he can tell us --

23 MR. ERMILIO: I would bet that he could

1 tell you. He could give you his opinion, but
2 that's not what we're here for today.

3 Q. (Mr. Ruvolo continuing) What was the relevance of
4 including this as part of this monitoring and
5 sampling record?

6 A. Further characterize the area.

7 Q. Did you find any carbon tetrachloride or TCE on
8 this Robert Martin drum site?

9 A. I believe very low levels of TCE were detected.

10 Q. Over on the right it says legend and it has some
11 boring, pit test and sample locations. Did you
12 conduct those?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Was this prepared for Conrail?

15 A. No.

16 MR. ERMILIO: You said this. Are you
17 referring to the map, Figure 3?

18 MR. RUVOLO: The map, Figure 3.

19 Q. Let's go to the next one. 06575 through -- let's
20 just go up to 77. That was again a sampling done
21 of BMW-3C and RMW-2C?

22 A. I'm not familiar with that. Appears to be.

23 Q. This is part of GTI's or Groundwater Technology's

1 record, I take it?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Technician was K. Johnson?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Does he still work or she still work?

6 A. No, he does not.

7 Q. In this instance the samples went to Chuck
8 Dittmar; is that correct?

9 A. I think that's what it states.

10 Q. Is there any reason it would go to Dittmar rather
11 than to GTEL as the previous one did?

12 A. I believe this may have been during Track 69
13 investigation. The gas chromatograph would be on
14 site.

15 Q. Look at page two about the third sentence from
16 the bottom it says found BMW-3C in between Track
17 5 and 6.

18 A. Can you repeat question again.

19 Q. If you look at the second page which is dated
20 9/24/90 the third reference from the bottom says
21 that the BMW-3C was in between Tracks 5 and 6.
22 Would that still be part of the Track 69
23 investigation?

1 A. No, I'm not sure what the C designation is next
2 to BMW-3, but BMW-3 was installed during the
3 initial remedial investigation.

4 Q. Would that be a GTI well?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. When you look at the next page you've also got a
7 diagram on the side there. It says RMW-2C. Got
8 a location near a track of some sort. Then next
9 one down is RMW-2D which the reference is being
10 destroyed by vehicles running over it. Do you
11 know what those were in connection with?

12 A. Actually I believe now that he's in error
13 identified them in his notes. I believe these
14 are additional wells installed around RMW-2 along
15 with a pumping test well.

16 Q. For what purpose?

17 A. For the purpose of conducting a pump test.

18 Q. Is there any indication what the results of that
19 pump test was?

20 A. The pump test was conducted a year later.

21 And what was the question again? I'm sorry.

22 Q. What the results were.

23 A. I believe based upon results of the pump test I

1 think the aquifer trans transmissivity was
2 defined in the storage coefficient.

3 Q. Next two pages, C0 06578 and 06579 are notes on
4 Conrail or entitled notes on Conrail. Do you
5 know whose notes those are?

6 A. I believe those would be the notes of Mike Barnes.

7 Q. Who was Mike Barnes at the time?

8 A. He was a chemist.

9 Q. Was he employed by GTI?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Does he still work for GTI?

12 A. No.

13 Q. What was he doing at the site?

14 A. He was analyzing the soil vapor samples.

15 Q. Is there any indication as to who had taken those
16 samples?

17 A. Pardon me.

18 Q. Is there any indication as to who had taken the
19 samples themselves?

20 A. On this page?

21 Q. Do you know who took the samples and where the
22 samples were taken from?

23 A. Yes.

1 Q. That's my question. Who took the samples?

2 Do you know who took the samples that he tested,
3 that the chemist tested?

4 A. Yes, I would say myself and Eric Henderson
5 collected a majority of them, and subsequently I
6 believe Matt Manka and Eric Henderson collected a
7 few at a later date.

8 Q. Which project was that involved? The Track 69 or
9 the diesel shop?

10 A. That was subsequent to the Track 69
11 investigation. It was not part of the Track 69
12 investigation.

13 Q. Why was the sampling done?

14 A. Because of the results of EPA's Phase II
15 investigation showing TCE towards the west,
16 southwest end of the class yard.

17 Q. This was taken on Conrail property?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. On the page to the -- the second page on the
20 upper right-hand corner on page 06578 indicates
21 there was some findings of carbon tetrachloride,
22 is that correct, and TCE?

23 A. Yes.

1 Q. And he says PCE would be present in a tank car
2 containing TCE. Do you know what that reference
3 was to?

4 A. Where do we see that now?

5 Q. Upper right about the third line down.

6 A. I don't know what he means by that.

7 Q. Was any sampling done around where there might
8 have been a tank car?

9 A. No.

10 Q. In your sampling work did you come across any
11 tank cars that might have been buried?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Turning to C0 06580, a sampling record that I
14 believe you were the technician on?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Is there any indication what the results were,
17 what kind of sampling was done?

18 A. Based on this, I don't believe there was any
19 sampling done. Under purpose of visit was
20 supervising the installation of a monitoring
21 well.

22 Q. This says equipment used: camera and HNU
23 photoionizer?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What is that used for normally?

3 A. To determine relative levels of hydrocarbons in
4 the head space of your soil samples.

5 Q. Did you come up with any results after that
6 exercise?

7 A. Yes, there would be readings that would be in the
8 file.

9 Q. 06581, the next page. This was dated September
10 4, 1990. Again, observe EPA on-site activities
11 and do some sampling work with BMW-3. Where
12 would these be located?

13 A. Again, I believe he's written down the wrong
14 designations for the monitoring well. I believe
15 they would be in the area of RMW-2 where we
16 propose to conduct a pump test.

17 Q. Going back to that map attached, where would
18 RMW-2 be?

19 A. That would be right here.

20 Q. Indicating where you had previously marked the
21 location?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. I take it the next series of pages which is 06582

1 through 87 is some sort of a logbook entry, part
2 of a logbook entry?

3 A. 82 through 87?

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you know whose logbook that was?

7 A. I believe 82 would be Kevin Johnson as well as 83
8 and 84 and 85. 86 is missing.

9 Q. I have two. There's no 87.

10 A. I do have an 87.

11 Q. Maybe you have two.

12 A. Would you like one?

13 Q. Just go up to 86.

14 A. Yes, I believe those are Kevin Johnson's.

15 Q. Turning to 84, would you tell us what that
16 diagram on the left represents?

17 A. Again, I believe he's trying to draw the area
18 around RMW-2 where we had installed pump wells
19 and four additional monitoring wells.

20 Q. Those were the wells he was purging that day?

21 A. Yes, I believe so.

22 Q. The next page 06585 on the left-hand side you've
23 got three columns. One is the listing, I

1 believe, of the various wells and you've got a
2 EPA column and a GTI column with one entry. Tell
3 us what that represents.

4 A. I believe those are depth to water measurements.
5 Apparently the EPA column is other results of EPA
6 personnel or water levels EPA personnel measured.

7 Q. Were you working with the EPA at that time, EPA
8 personnel in doing the sampling?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Were these readings given to you by the EPA?

11 A. I can't answer that. These aren't my notes.

12 Q. The notes on the right-hand side of the page, are
13 they, in your opinion, related to these columns
14 here on the left? For example, sort of the lower
15 third of the page begins with gauged RMW-2, BMW-2
16 et cetera.

17 A. Yes, I think they would relate.

18 Q. What does he mean by gauge?

19 A. Determine groundwater levels.

20 Q. 06587 and 88 are notes on Conrail again. Do you
21 know who took these notes?

22 A. I believe 587 are Mike Barnes' notes and are
23 actually the same pages 578 in the exhibit.

1 Q. What about 588? Same as the other?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. 06589 through 99 appear to be somebody's logbook
4 entry again. Do you know whose?

5 A. I believe these are the notes of Ken Coad.

6 Q. C-o-a-d?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. When did he work for GTI on this project?

9 A. Fall of '89.

10 Q. Do you know what part of the project he worked
11 on? Was this Track 69 or was this the diesel?

12 A. Actually this was oversight of on-site EPA
13 Phase I remedial investigation activities.

14 Q. What area of the yard did that pertain to?

15 A. I'm not completely familiar with that, but I
16 believe in general was the entire yard.

17 Q. On page 06589 is the diagram or map, a local map,
18 a soil gas survey?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you know what the reference camper cars refers
21 to?

22 A. I believe that's towards the east end of the yard
23 and I believe that's where Conrail employees stay

1 when they have to stay overnight.

2 Q. Where would metal scrap yard be?

3 A. I'm assuming in the same general area.

4 Q. And finally on page 06592 there's another
5 diagram. Does this fairly connote the type of
6 sample equipment that was used?

7 A. It appears to be that, yes.

8 Q. Would you explain it for me, if you would, which
9 part is where the readings are taken?

10 A. I'm not sure I can. I wasn't present and this
11 was EPA's methodology, but I can attempt to.

12 MR. ERMILIO: Peter, do you want him to
13 describe EPA's methodology?

14 A. I was not involved in this.

15 Q. This report is from the logbook of Mr. Coad?

16 A. Yes.

17 MR. RUVOLO: You want to break for lunch?

18 (A lunch break taken at this time.)

19 Q. (Mr. Ruvolo continuing) Mr. West, ask you to take
20 a look at Plaintiff's Exhibit 9 for
21 identification. It's part of that attachment to
22 Exhibit 8, but I put together this composite with
23 scotch tape, as you know. If you can identify it

1 for us, I'd appreciate it.

2 A. In general it's a map of the railyard showing
3 various boring locations.

4 Q. Starting from left to right, which would be the
5 east end of the yard, would you explain what some
6 of the symbols are. For example, the diagram
7 that looks like a muscial scale in the sense that
8 it's marked B1-4 and it has certain numbers
9 underneath. Can you tell us what they are?

10 A. These numbers here.

11 Q. Put a one next to it with a black pen.

12 A. One next to here?

13 Q. So we know what we're talking about.

14 A. Apparently -- I'm not sure who generated this
15 map, but I believe these are soil vapor point
16 locations conducted by EPA during their Phase I
17 remedial investigation.

18 Q. And does it indicate -- from your recollection
19 and from your files B1-4 indicate EPA?

20 A. The B1-4 would be a boring conducted by
21 Groundwater Technology during their initial
22 remedial investigation.

23 Q. If you would, would you clarify where you have

1 this one what the smaller numbers are. Why did
2 you make a reference to EPA?

3 A. I believe these -- I believe this is a map
4 generated by Ken Coad during the time which he
5 was overseeing the activities of EPA on site
6 during their Phase I investigation. So I believe
7 that these are soil vapor point locations the EPA
8 conducted in the area as well as this B1-4 is a
9 Groundwater Technology boring installed during
10 their remedial investigation.

11 Q. Is there any indication where the EPA wells were?

12 A. I'm not sure I understand what you're saying.
13 These aren't wells.

14 Q. Is he referring to this area that's marked with a
15 circle?

16 A. Yes, appears to be that way.

17 Q. These little black boxes in here on the very
18 eastern end of it?

19 A. That appears to be.

20 Q. Is that what you think he's talking about in
21 reference to the EPA?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Slightly to the west of that including part of

1 the circle we have B1 through B3 and then B4
2 through 6 and then B7 through 9. Those are all
3 GTI wells?

4 A. That's correct. They're borings, not wells.

5 Q. Are they the ones that we referred to earlier
6 today when we were going through the boring logs?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Why were these -- why was this area -- why were
9 the borings being taken in this area?

10 A. As I say, these were part of the initial remedial
11 investigation which I played no part in.

12 MR. ERMILIO: Peter, for your
13 information, Rita Boje was involved in that, and
14 she will be deposed next week, Monday or Tuesday,
15 so she can speak to initial RI activities.

16 Q. Do you know what this notation and this arrow
17 pointing to this area here in the upper eastern
18 end west leaking tank car area mean?

19 A. I'm not real sure what that means. I've heard
20 that before. I'm supposing that that's an EPA
21 designation.

22 Q. Would we have to go to the logs to determine how
23 deep these borings were and what the findings

1 were?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Some of them we went through before. Then we
4 have -- going a little bit further I guess
5 west --

6 A. East.

7 Q. We have RB-1 and RMW-1. Are they GTI wells?

8 A. RB-1 is a boring. RMW is a well.

9 Q. If we wanted to find out what the test results
10 were from these borings and from this well, where
11 would we go?

12 A. You would look in the -- forget the exact title,
13 but the final report generated as part of the
14 initial remedial investigation.

15 Q. Going to the second section. Sort of here on the
16 left-hand side we have reference to flexivan
17 facilities. Tell us what they were.

18 A. I believe that's an auto terminal. I'm not
19 exactly familiar with the function of it, but I
20 believe that cars and vans that come into the
21 yard are taken off and put in this facility
22 before they're shipped elsewhere.

23 Q. You have a monitering well and a boring well on

1 each side of that; is that correct?

2 A. Yes, I believe the boring is EPA's RMW-3 and
3 RMW-4 are GTI wells.

4 Q. Do you know what the results of those wells were,
5 what the results showed as far as the carbon
6 tetrachloride and/or TCE?

7 A. Again, you could look in the report that I just
8 mentioned a minute ago.

9 Q. Going to the middle part where the west tower and
10 car repair shop are located, could you tell us
11 the printed data regarding RMW-2 and RB-2, are
12 they GTI operations?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. What were they intended to do?

15 A. Again, they were part of the initial remedial
16 investigation.

17 Q. Was this the remedial investigation as far as the
18 diesel shop area was concerned?

19 A. No.

20 Q. This was part of Track 69?

21 A. No, this was the initial remedial investigation
22 with regard to the NPL nomination.

23 Q. And you see there are certain entries made in

1 black ink or black pen with dots and reference
2 numbers. What do they refer to?

3 A. I believe those refer to soil vapor sample
4 collection points conducted by EPA.

5 Q. Did you test these soil vapor points as well as
6 EPA?

7 A. No.

8 Q. And as far as GTI is concerned and just keeping
9 concentration on this west tower and car repair
10 shop area, what were the results of those wells
11 and borings?

12 A. Again, I'd have to refer you to the final report
13 for the initial remedial investigation.

14 Q. Were any remedies taken after the investigation?

15 A. Removal action?

16 Q. Uh-huh.

17 A. Not to my knowledge.

18 Q. Going across the top of this Exhibit No. 9, I see
19 three areas that have circles. Do you know what
20 they represent?

21 A. I believe the circle to the left --

22 Q. Let's mark that with a 2 and 3 and 4.

23 A. Area 2 is the site of Conrail's surface water

1 drainage discharge point to Crawford's ditch
2 through their MPDES permit.

3 Q. What was found in that area, if you can tell us?

4 A. No, I can't tell you.

5 Q. What steps were taken in that area?

6 MR. ERMILIO: What do you mean what steps
7 were taken?

8 Q. What was done? Were there borings made or
9 monitoring wells?

10 A. Again, it appears that these are EPA sampling
11 locations and they appear to be soil vapor points
12 and possibly a boring.

13 Q. Did GTI do any work in that area?

14 A. Not to my knowledge.

15 Q. How about RB-4?

16 A. RB-4 is to the west of that.

17 Q. That was done by GTI?

18 A. Yes, that's correct.

19 Q. BMW-3 which would be to the south?

20 A. Northwest.

21 Q. That was GTI?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What is that triangle?

1 A. The triangle designates that that is a monitoring
2 well.

3 Q. What are these stars or asterisks?

4 A. That is the location of the soil boring. That
5 designates a soil boring.

6 Q. The circle with the points coming out of it is a
7 boring and triangles are wells?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Going to No. 3 again, that deals with what area?

10 A. That is the diesel shop area near the oil water
11 separator facilities.

12 Q. Do you know what these numbers represent?

13 A. Again, those appear to be soil vapor survey
14 sample locations conducted by EPA.

15 Q. These other references to RB which I believe it's
16 supposed to be 5, 6, 9 and 8, those are GTI?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. As well as RB-1 which is down at the northern
19 end?

20 A. I believe that's 11.

21 Q. RB-11, right?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. And 12?

1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. Would you tell us about No. 4, where you've
3 circled No. 4?

4 A. No. 4 is a blow-up of the actual diesel shop
5 building and appears that there is some
6 additional soil gas sampling points of EPA's.

7 Q. And none by GTI?

8 A. No, they're not in the above circle, but
9 apparently I'm seeing additional borings around
10 the diesel shop that would have been conducted in
11 the GTI's initial remedial investigation.

12 Q. Over in the far right is a sort of a semi circle
13 marked former wash evidently cut off at some
14 point. Do you know what that represents?

15 A. I'm not familiar with what that is, no.

16 Q. GTI had two monitoring wells, correct?

17 A. Those are actually borings.

18 Q. B2-4 and B2-3?

19 A. As well as B2-3.

20 Q. Give us an overall view or idea what the results
21 were of all that testing.

22 A. Again, all of these sampling locations or boring
23 locations relate to the initial remedial

1 investigation, and I'm not familiar with the
2 results of those.

3 Q. If we want to find the results we'd have to go
4 back to the documents, to logging records to find
5 out how deep these monitoring wells went or how
6 deep the boring?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. And what was found, and that we'd have to
9 reference back to the documents we were talking
10 about this morning?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Are all these documents, a map such as this with
13 the locations of the wells and the borings as
14 well as the logs from the borings and the wells,
15 are they all in one place in one report?

16 A. For the initial remedial investigation, yes.

17 Q. Has there been another report made since the
18 remedial investigation other than the Track 69
19 soil vapor survey report and the southwest main
20 classification yard soil vapor survey report?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Those reports would be similar in content as far
23 as where the locations of the wells and borings

1 were made and surveys as well as the results?

2 A. Yes.

3 MR. RUVOLO: Do we have copies of all
4 those?

5 MR. ERMILIO: Yes, you do.

6 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 10 marked for
7 identification.)

8 Q. Mr. West, if you'd take a look at Exhibit No. 10
9 which is entitled -- which is a letter from
10 Groundwater Technology to Mr. Frank Sabota dated
11 May 8, 1990, with attachments. Can you tell us
12 what they represent?

13 A. Apparently these are profile sheets for soils
14 generated during the remedial investigation.

15 Q. On the second page -- the exhibit runs from C
16 018362 through 18370. On page 18363 is a
17 certification of a representative sample. That
18 was prepared by you -- was witnessed by you; is
19 that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Does that mean that you took that sample?

22 A. No, it means I witnessed that.

23 Q. Does that mean Shawn Stratmann took that sample?

1 A. Apparently so.

2 Q. Do you know what area of the yard or elsewhere
3 this sample was taken?

4 A. These would have been collected from drums, drums
5 containing soil from the remedial investigation.

6 Q. Would you be able to tell us where the soil was
7 taken from and put in drums referring to
8 Exhibit 9?

9 A. The soil would have been put into drums obviously
10 at all the various boring locations, and I
11 believe they were all staged in this area by the
12 dormitory over here.

13 Q. Would you put a number five there, please, and
14 circle it in the general area.

15 A. (Witness complied)

16 Q. What is the generator's waste material profile
17 sheet, if you know?

18 A. I believe that is a form that's required to be
19 filled out before the acceptor of the waste will
20 accept it.

21 Q. According to Exhibit C018364, the name of the
22 waste was contaminated soil?

23 A. Yes.

1 Q. And what did it contain?

2 A. If you look down in Section E, trace amounts of
3 chloroform, trace amounts of carbon
4 tetrachloride, trace amounts of trichloroethene,
5 soil, gravel, oil and grease.

6 Q. I take it you have to file this profile sheet in
7 order to get the contaminated soil disposed of?

8 A. I believe so.

9 Q. And it says process generating waste. The soil
10 residue from a monitoring well installation. Is
11 there a way we can tell where this well was?

12 A. Not based on this form.

13 Q. Attached to that is a document to Kevin
14 Polkinghorn from Margaret Greene. Do you know
15 who they are?

16 A. No, I don't. Margaret Greene used to be employed
17 by GTI. I can't recall what her title or role
18 was. Apparently Mr. Polkinghorn was a
19 representative of Chemical Waste Management.

20 Q. Attached to that is an addendum to the previous
21 waste profile sheet; is that correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And attached to that is a report from GTEL?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. On the sampling, is that correct, or the testing
3 it did of the sample?

4 A. That's correct.

5 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 11 marked for
6 identification.)

7 Q. Would you take a look at that and see if you can
8 identify that for us, Mr. West.

9 A. Yes, this is a letter that I wrote concerning the
10 diesel investigation.

11 Q. And that was to the Indiana Department of
12 Transportation?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. As I read it or as I understand it, it had to do
15 with the north side of U.S. 33?

16 A. Yes, that's correct.

17 Q. And where would that be in regard to the map,
18 Exhibit No. 9, that's in front of you?

19 A. Due north of the diesel shop.

20 Q. Do the wells referred to in this letter appear on
21 that map?

22 A. No, they do not.

23 Q. Can you give us an idea where they would be,

1 taking the pen and putting some markings and
2 we'll put a circle with a number in it?

3 A. The circle four seems to be over the area where
4 they would be. Would you like me to go ahead and
5 draw them within this?

6 Q. Yes, please.

7 A. They would be in this area.

8 Q. What was the purpose of these wells, monitoring
9 wells?

10 A. Additional subsurface investigation.

11 Q. In connection with the diesel investigation?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you have a hand in the monitoring after these
14 wells were put in?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Can you tell us what the results were?

17 A. Basically we periodically collect depth of water
18 measurements and note the presence of any fuel
19 oil in the monitoring wells.

20 Q. Was there fuel oil in the monitoring wells?

21 A. I believe there is now, not initially.

22 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 12 marked for
23 identification.)

1 Q. This refers to Bates stamp 06880 through 06894.

2 Can you identify that for us, Mr. West?

3 A. Appear to be analytical results.

4 Q. Taken by GTEL?

5 A. They were analyzed -- samples analyzed by GTEL,
6 yes.

7 Q. And the front page 06880 refers to temp
8 violation?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What was that in relation to?

11 A. Temperature.

12 Q. And on page two, that's the description of
13 nonconformance, temperature violation?

14 A. Yes, appears to be.

15 Q. Seems to be a little note under that please run
16 the samples anyway, exclamation point, Rita Boje.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. 7/31/91. The following page is a document which
19 indicates that you had control of a sample at one
20 point. Is that the same sample? This is a chain
21 of custody record, I guess. Is that in regard to
22 that sample?

23 A. They don't appear to note which sample they're

1 talking about on page two, but in general that
2 would be in reference to a water sample, whereas
3 this chain of custody refers to soil samples.

4 Q. Far right of that chain of custody record there's
5 two checkmarks and above that is EPA and No. 8010
6 carbon tetrachloride and TCE. What does that
7 refer to?

8 A. That's the analysis to run on the samples.

9 Q. These samples were taken from borings B-12 and
10 B-13?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. At 25 feet and eight feet?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And the following page is GTEL's analysis of
15 analytical results of their sampling?

16 A. These are results for water samples from
17 monitoring wells.

18 Q. The monitoring wells being identified by client
19 identification numbers?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. The same would be true of the next page 06884,
22 885 and 886; is that correct?

23 A. That's correct.

1 Q. What's the difference between the analytical
2 results appearing on page 887 as contrasted with
3 the previous ones? Are they testing for
4 something different or additional or what?

5 A. Could you repeat that again.

6 Q. The Table 1 of this analytical result which is
7 06887 appears to be a lot more -- cover a lot
8 more chemicals or contaminants possibly than the
9 previous results.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Is there a reason for that?

12 A. I do not know of the reason other than they
13 reported all the VOC's that would be run per that
14 method of analysis.

15 Q. If you look at some of the numbers and some of
16 the letters, some are darker than others. Are
17 they because they're additional?

18 A. No, if you look across that would be because they
19 were detected.

20 Q. When you say they were detected, you mean carbon
21 tetrachloride was also detected but it's not in
22 the darker letters?

23 A. It was not detected in the samples on that page.

1 Q. On that page. The TCE and the rest were; is that
2 correct?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. The following page deals with, of course,
5 different monitoring wells which we do find
6 chloroform, carbon tetrachloride,
7 trichloroethene, tetrachloroethene were found; is
8 that correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. The following page which deals with equipment
11 blank. Where was -- what is the equipment blank?

12 A. Periodically during sampling activities you
13 collect a sample of distilled water which you
14 pour into the sampling equipment or in this case
15 a bailer that you're using to collect the samples
16 in order to check if your bailer is being cleaned
17 or decontaminated adequately between monitoring
18 wells.

19 Q. You would use the same bailer for -- during the
20 process?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. Were the bailers cleaned between each usage?

23 A. Yes.

1 Q. What does a duplicate refer to?

2 A. Duplicate would be running an analysis or two
3 analyses on the same sample to verify the
4 results.

5 Q. What does a trip blank refer to?

6 A. The trip blank would be a sample of clean water
7 that would accompany samples that you were
8 sending to the lab at all times. Therefore, when
9 you analyze the trip blank you can verify that
10 there were no -- that the samples to be analyzed
11 were not exposed to any other VOC's that could
12 have infiltrated the samples.

13 Q. The duplicate, if you look down the column there
14 are two numbers again in much darker letters than
15 the others, one referring to chloroform and the
16 other carbon tetrachloride 3200. What does that
17 refer to or what is the meaning of that?

18 A. Those are the levels at which those compounds
19 were detected.

20 Q. You said the duplicate was using two same
21 methods. How would you know which one detected
22 the chloroform and which one detected the carbon
23 tetrachloride, or am I making sense?

1 A. The duplicate sample would be a separate discreet
2 sample analyzed but taken from the same
3 monitoring well.

4 Q. There's no indication on here, unless I'm wrong,
5 as to what monitoring well was -- the duplicate
6 was taken from; is that correct?

7 A. That's right. In general you avoid labeling that
8 so the lab -- to avoid any bias in the lab.

9 Q. 06890 is basically the same thing only for
10 different wells BMW-10D through RMW-6, correct?

11 A. Yes, that's correct.

12 Q. And the findings there as far as what was found.
13 Up above it refers to date reported and date
14 reissued. What do those dates refer to? In
15 other words, a sampling was done on the 3rd of
16 December. Let's look at page 06890. Was
17 analyzed on the 10th, was reported on the 11th
18 and was reissued on the 27th. What does that
19 mean, if you know?

20 A. I'm not sure what the reissued date means in this
21 case.

22 Q. Were reports given to GTI from GTEL orally or
23 telephonically or otherwise prior to an official

1 report?

2 A. That's not uncommon.

3 Q. Though it may not be uncommon, did it occur in
4 regard to your relationship in this -- with this
5 project?

6 A. I never received a call from GTEL stating results
7 to me.

8 Q. The other attachments up through 06894 are
9 basically the same analytical results, just
10 various dates of samples taken?

11 A. That's correct.

12 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 13 marked for
13 identification.)

14 Q. This is a memo that you were copied on prepared
15 by Levy Soliven. Can you explain the
16 circumstances behind that report?

17 A. This is involving the diesel investigation and
18 the expansion to the existing remediation system.

19 Q. When you say remediation system that was there,
20 what kind of a system was there at the time?

21 A. Initially there was a two recovery well
22 remediation system installed at the diesel shop
23 and has since been expanded to six remediation

1 wells.

2 Q. When did that expansion go into effect?

3 MR. ERMILIO: Peter, there have been a
4 lot of questions on the diesel remediation and I
5 don't understand the relevance other than the
6 fact the date of them may be relevant. As to the
7 remediation for the diesel investigation and the
8 diesel project, I don't see any relevance to the
9 issues in this case.

10 MR. RUVOLO: There was some findings in
11 that area as the test results will show later on.

12 MR. ERMILIO: As the test results show --

13 MR. RUVOLO: Reports show there was some
14 contamination from the soil in that area.

15 MR. ERMILIO: I understand the date is
16 relevant, but how is the remediation relevant to
17 the issues in this case?

18 MR. RUVOLO: It's a document that you
19 submitted to us and I'd like to find out the
20 purpose behind it and what the connection was
21 with --

22 MR. ERMILIO: I don't know if I'm going
23 to let you get to the purpose behind it.

1 MR. RUVOLO: Let him tell me what it was
2 about.

3 MR. ERMILIO: My objection is to the
4 scope of the deposition, the relevancy. If
5 you're getting to irrelevant matters or not, I'm
6 asking if you can tie that into the issues in
7 this case. I haven't heard anything other than
8 the data which I agree with. The data may be
9 relevant and that's why I let you ask questions
10 about the data and the testing done, sampling
11 done in connection with the diesel project, but
12 for the remediation I don't understand.

13 MR. RUVOLO: I would like to know what --
14 as far as this document can tell us, what kind of
15 remediation steps were taken and why.

16 MR. ERMILIO: I understand that's what
17 you want and I'm asking you to explain to me how
18 that's relevant to this case.

19 MR. RUVOLO: Because it may give an
20 indication of what was their -- what was the
21 problems with the initial remediation facilities
22 that existed on the property. There was a change
23 that was made. Why was the change made?

1 MR. ERMILIO: Let my objection stand.

2 I'll let him answer the question.

3 A. What was the question again?

4 Q. What were the circumstances behind this
5 memorandum or phone call?

6 A. It was a call to the Indiana Department of
7 Environmental Management seeking guidance on
8 requirements for submitting construction permits
9 for expansion of the remediation system at the
10 diesel shop.

11 Q. This was in January of 1982?

12 A. Yes.

13 MR. JAFFE: Can we take a break?

14 MR. ERMILIO: By the way, Peter, I think
15 it was January '92. I think you mentioned '82.
16 For the record.

17 (Short break taken.)

18 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 14 marked for
19 identification.)

20 Q. Mr. West, if you would, letter of March 17, 1992.
21 This is Exhibit 14. From you to Frank Sabota,
22 Consolidated Rail. Can you tell us the
23 circumstances behind that letter, what it had to

1 do with?

2 A. Yes, this is in reference again to the diesel
3 project expansion of the existing recovery system
4 which would involve running lines beneath the
5 eastbound departure yard and as opposed to
6 trenching to install the lines which was not
7 logistically feasible. We had to go with the
8 bore and jack methodology, and that's what this
9 letter is in reference to.

10 Q. Attached to the letter is a map. Would you
11 explain that?

12 A. This is a general site map of the diesel shop
13 area showing the location of monitoring wells and
14 recovery wells.

15 Q. When it shows the monitoring wells and the
16 recovery wells, are they all GTI wells?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. At the top of the page, Franklin Street, U.S. 33
19 and that surrounding area you see lots of
20 numbers, D-27, 28, 29, 24. What are they
21 referring to?

22 A. Those again are monitoring wells.

23 Q. The RW-5 and the RW-4 which is sort of in the

1 middle of the page or middle of the map, what
2 does that refer to?

3 A. Those are recovery wells.

4 Q. What about RW-2?

5 A. A recovery well.

6 Q. That is in black or black triangle whereas the
7 others are white triangles. Is there any
8 significance to that?

9 A. The black well is an existing recovery well. The
10 white one is a proposed.

11 Q. So RW-6 is a proposed well?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. Were these eventually put in?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Was sampling done of the wells?

16 A. No.

17 Q. What was the purpose of putting the wells in?

18 A. Recovery of diesel fuel.

19 Q. So that these wells were not put in for testing
20 for carbon tetrachloride or TCE or something of
21 that nature; their main purpose was to recover
22 the fuel?

23 A. That's correct.

1 A. As I recall, there was one composite sample and
2 it indicated TPH as diesel in soil to be 460
3 parts per million.

4 Q. That has to be disposed of, is that correct, the
5 soil cuttings once they've been analyzed?

6 A. That was a decision for Conrail.

7 Q. Is that what your reference is to Prairie View
8 Recycling Center in Wyatt, Indiana?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Is that a requirement of the Indiana Department
11 of Environmental Management?

12 A. Is what a requirement?

13 Q. The disposal of the soil cuttings.

14 MR. ERMILIO: To the best of your
15 understanding, realizing you don't work for IDEM.

16 A. Yes, as I understand, soils at 100 parts per
17 million or above should be disposed in an IDEM
18 approved facility.

19 Q. When you said the soil cuttings were a composite,
20 is that from those four wells?

21 A. That would involve soils generated during well
22 installation as well as trenching of the water
23 and product lines to those wells.

1 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 16 marked for
2 identification.)

3 Q. Show you the next exhibit. That's a letter from
4 you to the environmental health supervisor for
5 Elkhart County; is that correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What was the purpose of that letter?

8 A. It was an effort to gain information from the
9 Elkhart County Health Department regarding their
10 groundwater protection ordinance.

11 Q. You make reference in there concerning waste
12 water characterization results. What does that
13 mean?

14 A. Any analytical results of waste water generated
15 by any facilities that are on their list.

16 Q. You say in that first paragraph "I hope I will
17 have the waste water characterization data in
18 your files." What is that referring to?

19 A. What does that sentence mean?

20 Q. Yeah.

21 A. Simply that, that I was anticipating that they
22 would have those results in their files for those
23 facilities.

1 Q. What was the purpose, if you will, of this
2 inquiry to begin with? Why were you contacting
3 them?

4 A. To determine if other industrial facilities in
5 the area around the railyard would have carbon
6 tetrachloride or TC in their waste water that
7 they generated.

8 Q. In other words, if any other companies in the
9 area had reported waste water contamination or
10 something of that nature and needed to dispose of
11 it?

12 A. No, not needing to dispose. Just in accordance
13 with the groundwater protection ordinance.

14 Q. Did you obtain that information from the health
15 department?

16 A. I obtained some information from them, yes.

17 Q. Did that information lead you to make different
18 arrangements in the scope of work as far as the
19 Conrail site was concerned?

20 A. Not to my knowledge.

21 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 17 marked for
22 identification.)

23 Q. Next exhibit is No. 17. Could you give us --

1 that's a letter to Vicky Engelmann of the Prairie
2 View Landfill from yourself dated June 25, 1992.
3 I take it that is looking to dispose of the soil
4 cuttings from the Conrail property?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Are these cuttings that we refer to in the
7 previous exhibit?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Where were these cuttings taken from?

10 A. I believe these are referred to the cuttings
11 generated during the initial remedial
12 investigation of the Track 69 investigation.

13 Q. You mention in the letter that you're enclosing a
14 special waste profile sheet and analytical
15 results from the drummed soil cuttings. It's not
16 attached to this, but what were the results, if
17 you can recall?

18 A. I believe that the majority of the drummed soil
19 cuttings had results that would meet the
20 requirements of special waste.

21 Q. So they would have to be disposed of at a
22 landfill of some sort?

23 A. As special waste, yes.

1 Q. Would that infer that they were in some way
2 contaminated?

3 A. I would have to review the results.

4 Q. That leads me to a point I've been trying to
5 clarify in my mind. That has to do with where
6 the results that are referred to in this letter
7 are. In other words, they're not attached to the
8 letter. Where are they? How do we know what the
9 results are? I mean how would we find them in
10 your method -- your company's method of
11 recordkeeping? Where would I go to look to find
12 the analytical results from the soil cuttings?

13 A. I could show them to you in our files.

14 Q. Can you explain to me as far as recordkeeping is
15 concerned, do you keep all the analytical results
16 in one file and all the boring results in another
17 file and all the soil survey results in another
18 file, or do you put boring number whatever the
19 number is, B-12, with all relative related
20 information concerning that together?

21 A. Typically for a correspondence like this we would
22 for the file have put a copy in that had the
23 enclosures attached to it. Why this one doesn't,

1 I couldn't tell you.

2 Q. But -- do you want to add to that?

3 A. Go ahead.

4 Q. Everytime -- strike that. If you wanted to go to
5 the files and get all the information dealing
6 with the findings connected with monitoring well
7 BMW-33, would you have to go to different folders
8 in the file or would you be able to go to BMW-33
9 and pull out all the information connected with
10 that well?

11 A. In general they're separated by investigation,
12 whereas, for instance, boring logs for Phase I
13 Track 69 would be in the file. Boring logs for
14 Phase II Track 69 would be in another file.
15 Separated in that manner.

16 Q. But would all the boring logs be together? In
17 other words, would there be a file for boring
18 logs dealing with this particular bore and then
19 another file dealing with this particular boring,
20 or would they just be all thrown together?

21 A. They're put together again by investigation. For
22 instance, Phase I Track 69 borings 1 through 10,
23 you would find those boring logs together in the

1 file.

2 MR. ERMILIO: Maybe some help. Mr. Jaffe
3 left, but he inspected the files. We showed
4 him -- as they're kept we showed him the files.
5 He may have an understanding that can help you if
6 Frank's description is not helpful as to how it's
7 organized.

8 Q. It's just hard to put all these things together
9 and what their relationship is and I wonder if
10 that's the same way you operate.

11 A. That makes perfect sense to me.

12 Q. Certain waste it may. If for example, there was
13 a contamination found in one of the soils removed
14 from a particular boring and that was sent to
15 Prairie View for disposal and all of a sudden the
16 health department came back and said I want to
17 see all the records on that boring, say how far
18 you went and where you found it, what the tests
19 are. Would you have to go to five different
20 places or could you go to one place, file that
21 says boring No. 12 and here is what we found in
22 connection with it?

23 A. In general I'd have to go to one place. In

1 general with the boring it's a one-time show.

2 Q. With a well would that be true?

3 A. With a well you may have to look in a couple
4 places depending on how many sampling events you
5 have.

6 Q. How often were the wells sampled?

7 A. The wells were sampled once after their remedial
8 investigation. After Phase I Track 69
9 investigation the new wells alone were sampled.
10 At the end of Phase II all GTI wells on site were
11 sampled except for the diesel shop wells.

12 Q. How often were they monitored?

13 A. In what way, what type of monitoring?

14 Q. You would only do one sample on a well or would
15 you sample it various times of the year?

16 MR. ERMILIO: He just described the
17 number of sampling events on a particular well.
18 Maybe you misunderstand or I don't understand
19 your question.

20 Q. Maybe I misunderstood. You put a well in the
21 ground, monitoring well. How often do you
22 monitor it?

23 A. In general, the wells were sampled after that

1 phase investigation or after the wells were
2 installed at the end of that phase investigation
3 and were not monitored periodically after that.

4 Q. Do you know where the results of this test that
5 was not attached to this letter are? Could you
6 find it for us?

7 A. I could find them.

8 Q. Would you please and give them to Mr. Ermilio if
9 we haven't got them?

10 MR. ERMILIO: You don't have them
11 anywhere?

12 MR. RUVOLO: No, not as far as I can
13 find. Just the one that's attached to this last
14 exhibit.

15 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 18 marked for
16 identification.)

17 MR. ERMILIO: Could be mistaken. I can
18 confirm this, but Exhibit 17 is a copy of a
19 letter that Peter Jaffe requested after he
20 inspected the files in October of '92. It was
21 either the end of October, early November '92
22 when he was out here going through files. I
23 believe -- number one, the attachments would be

1 in the files at that point, the ones that he saw.
2 So it is possible what he did was request a copy
3 of the letter and not the attachments, but what
4 we have --

5 MR. RUVOLO: I can't speak for Peter
6 Jaffe since he's not here right now.

7 MR. ERMILIO: I understand.

8 MR. RUVOLO: I would ask if you can find
9 it without too much trouble if you'd just send a
10 copy of the results.

11 Q. Exhibit 18, if you'd look at that. It's Bates
12 stamps C0 08972. It's a letter from you to Tracy
13 Barnes of the Indiana Department of Environmental
14 Management. Is this preceding the letter to
15 Prairie View? It's the same date as the letter
16 to Prairie View which was the previous exhibit.
17 I take it it refers to the same drum soil
18 cuttings?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. The last sentence of the first paragraph is to
21 the effect that your company performed sampling
22 and analysis for reactivity and paint filter?

23 A. That's correct.

1 Q. What was entailed in that?

2 A. Those are additional requirements for waste
3 characterization that were overlooked we had to
4 perform.

5 Q. I take it that the results of the analysis
6 results were to the effect that the soil was
7 contaminated and had to be disposed of at Prairie
8 View or similar type of waste disposal facility;
9 is that correct?

10 A. The results supported the classification as a
11 special waste.

12 Q. Again, it refers to analytical results. I take
13 it it's the same ones referred to in the previous
14 letter?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. So that would have been the same attachment that
17 was sent both to the Indiana as well as Prairie
18 View?

19 A. Yes.

20 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 19 marked for
21 identification.)

22 Q. Show you Exhibit No. 19. It's a letter dated
23 July 2nd to Frank Sabota of Consolidated Rail

1 from you. Can you explain the circumstances
2 behind that letter?

3 A. Again, in order to dispose of the waste at that
4 facility we were required to get a special waste
5 permit from the Indiana Department of
6 Environmental Management, and in order to receive
7 that permit we required the signature of a
8 Conrail representative.

9 Q. Certification application or the permit
10 application, I take it, is attached to the
11 letter?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. That's what you wanted Mr. Sabota to sign?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. According to the waste name shown under waste
16 information, we're talking about chlorinated
17 solvents; is that correct?

18 A. Soil cuttings containing trace quantities of
19 solvents, yes.

20 Q. Going to the page marked C0 17738. I take it the
21 solvents were the ones listed there, cadmium,
22 chromium, lead and Endrin?

23 A. No, those are not solvents.

1 Q. What would they be classified as?

2 A. The first three, cadmium, chromium, lead are
3 metals. The Endrin, I believe, may be some sort
4 of pesticide or herbicide.

5 Q. These are samples that were taken back in 1992,
6 February 25th?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. I'm going to the last page, TCLP Organic Chemical
9 Constituents. They found carbon tetrachloride,
10 chloroform and trichloroethylene; is that
11 correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. Where were those soil cuttings taken from as far
14 as the property itself is concerned?

15 A. They were taken from the drums that were stored
16 in Area 5 on Exhibit 9.

17 Q. What is Area 5? Is that the one you marked with
18 the ink?

19 A. (Indicating)

20 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 20 marked for
21 identification.)

22 Q. I show you Exhibit 20, July 8, 1992, Kevin
23 Jennings, CWM Technical Center, Bates stamp

1 CO 17732 through 17734. Ask you if you can
2 explain the circumstances behind that.

3 A. I don't think my Bates stamp numbers matched up
4 with yours.

5 Q. CO 1 --

6 A. 18329.

7 Q. Let's use your numbers. CO 18329 through 18331.
8 Ask you if you can explain the circumstances
9 behind that application for profile.

10 A. Again, this is a copy of correspondence and the
11 waste profile sheets for drum soil cuttings that
12 were to be disposed of at Chemical Waste
13 Management.

14 Q. This is a different facility than Prairie View;
15 is that correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. This is in Fort Wayne?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Were these the same -- were these cuttings taken
20 from the same area, Area 5 on this map that we
21 refer to?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Was there a change or was it just using two

1 outfits to dispose?

2 A. No, this particular group of drum results came
3 back classifying them as a hazardous waste as
4 opposed to a special waste.

5 Q. What distinguishes a hazardous waste from a
6 special waste?

7 A. In this case it was the levels of carbon
8 tetrachloride, I believe. Above the listed MCL
9 for a listed hazardous waste -- or characteristic
10 hazardous waste.

11 Q. And yet both samples were taken from the same
12 general area; is that correct?

13 A. Maybe I should go into the methodology of how
14 they were collected. There were approximately
15 160 drums. The drums were partitioned into
16 different groups and each group was -- a
17 composite sample was collected from each group
18 and then those samples were sent for analysis.
19 Certain groups came back with results supporting
20 a special waste classification and others came
21 back with results supporting characteristic
22 hazardous waste.

23 Q. And so the special waste you would send to one

1 type of landfill and with a hazardous waste it
2 has to go to another type?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. How many drums did you say were collected?

5 A. I believe there were approximately 160 drums.

6 Q. What would that amount to in volume for soil, for
7 example? How large are the drums?

8 A. 55-gallon.

9 Q. When you say they were collected and then there
10 was sort of a composite sample, you mean the
11 collections were taken and then they were mixed
12 together and some batches picked up and tested
13 for this and came back with special waste and
14 another batch came back as a hazardous waste?

15 A. I believe the drums were split into groups of
16 twenty and then portions -- a crosssection of the
17 soil from each drum was extracted from each group
18 of barrels and one composite sample was generated
19 that would be analyzed for a full TCLP analysis.

20 Q. Were the 20 samples that were taken, were they
21 taken all in the same area? You said they were
22 separated into 20 barrels. Would the soil that
23 was collected and put into those barrels all come

1 from the same area?

2 A. They came from various areas from borings from
3 the remedial investigation and the Track 69
4 investigations. So the soil was generated from
5 different areas within the railyard.

6 Q. Having found that one was contaminated -- one
7 batch was contaminated, one batch was not
8 contaminated, how would you go back and find out
9 which area of the yard where these samplings were
10 taken from, how would you find out which one was
11 contaminated? Would you have to redo it?

12 A. If the drums were marked as to which boring the
13 soil came from.

14 Q. There would be a record kept of the soil sample,
15 the boring number, and the barrel number?

16 A. I believe so.

17 Q. The third page to this last exhibit is basically
18 a copy of the second, addition being Mr. Sabota's
19 signature to it?

20 A. That appears to be correct.

21 Q. On that second page or third page, the shipping
22 information says anticipated annual volume, 20
23 drums. What are you referring to at that point?

1 A. Those were the drums that the composite sample
2 was collected from.

3 Q. Were you anticipating further sampling down the
4 road?

5 A. No.

6 Q. This was a one-shot --

7 A. That's correct.

8 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 21 marked for
9 identification.)

10 Q. Would you identify that, Mr. West, please?

11 A. I believe this is a letter to the Indiana
12 Department of Environmental Management officially
13 submitting the special waste certification
14 application with Conrail's representative's
15 original signature.

16 Q. These are soil cuttings that contain the traces
17 of chlorinated solvents?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. These taken from the same area?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And were these classified since they were going
22 to Prairie View as special waste?

23 A. That's correct.

1 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 22 marked for
2 identification.)

3 Q. Would you explain that one for us, Mr. West?

4 A. This is a letter to Prairie View Landfill stating
5 that any drums prior to going to Prairie View
6 Landfill that may contain any free liquids will
7 be solidified with the bentonite.

8 Q. What is bentonite?

9 A. It is a clay additive that will soak up any free
10 liquids.

11 Q. Is that a requirement if you're sending out
12 materials of that sort?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. This was dated July 17, 1992?

15 A. That's correct.

16 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 23 marked for
17 identification.)

18 Q. Show you Exhibit 23 for identification, cover
19 sheet of which is entitled materials documents
20 Frank West requested and a Bates stamp No.
21 C0 7657 through 7660. If you take a look at that
22 and just explain to me what the purpose of those
23 requests were?

1 A. This would be the analytical results for -- that
2 apply to the groundwater protection ordinance for
3 Elkhart County that I requested the Elkhart
4 County Board of Health to provide.

5 Q. Which part of the project was that in connection
6 with?

7 A. The overall Super Fund project.

8 Q. Would this be gathering information concerning
9 the surrounding area?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. I take it the idea is to find out whether there
12 are any other reports of contamination of such
13 neighboring properties?

14 A. Or any facilities that would exhibit these
15 contaminants in the waste waters that they
16 generate.

17 Q. In this particular instance you were checking
18 into a company by the name of Global Glass?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Where are they located in connection with the
21 Conrail property?

22 A. Global Glass is on the north side of U.S. 33
23 north of the diesel shop area.

1 Q. Was there -- was this sort of a scatter hit --
2 strike that. Did you have information that lead
3 you to request information on Global Glass or did
4 you make a request to the department for
5 information about anybody in that surrounding
6 area or everybody?

7 A. I believe information on the facilities in here
8 was previously obtained during previous file
9 searches.

10 Q. Can you give us an idea of who else you requested
11 on that had been turned up prior?

12 A. I'll have to look through this exhibit. Reith
13 Reily would be a facility. Hull Lift Trucks.
14 There are more, but I can't recall the names at
15 this time.

16 Q. Did the information or the data that you
17 collected from these requests and searches lead
18 you to recommend any change in procedures to be
19 undertaken by Conrail at the yard as far as
20 remediation or otherwise?

21 A. Not myself, no.

22 Q. If I can finish up with some sort of recap. As
23 part of GTI's work on behalf of Conrail -- just

1 bear with me, if you would, and tell me whether
2 you performed -- GTI performed services similar
3 to forementioned on behalf of Conrail. For
4 example, a site description, you did that, I take
5 it? Was this part of your scope of work, in
6 other words, the work you did for Conrail? Did
7 you do a site description?

8 A. What exactly entails a site --

9 Q. Conrail yard, Conrail facilities.

10 A. A description of the operation of the yard?

11 Q. No, just a -- you said that GTI was initially
12 hired in regard to the NPL listing of the Conrail
13 property. In that listing there was a site set
14 out, correct, a Super Fund site?

15 A. There was a --

16 Q. Super Fund site which included Conrail?

17 MR. ERMILIO: You mean a geographic
18 description?

19 MR. RUVOLO: Yeah.

20 A. Did we do a geographic description?

21 Q. Yes, meets and bounds description, a geographic
22 description.

23 A. I believe a general one was done in the initial

1 remedial investigation report.}

2 Q. Did you do a study of the history of the property
3 and the operation of the property?

4 A. I can't comment on that.

5 Q. You don't know or you can't --

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. Did you do any studies about previous incidents
8 that may have occurred on the property in regard
9 to spillage such as diesel fuel, carbon
10 tetrachloride, other products, chlorinated
11 solvents?

12 MR. ERMILIO: As to the event itself, the
13 actual spill?

14 MR. RUVOLO: Did he do any research?

15 A. I may have not, but I believe it's been done.

16 Q. It's been done or is being done?

17 A. I believe it has.

18 Q. As a geologist, did you study the geology in the
19 region? In order to understand the composition
20 of the soil and the groundwater flow, did you as
21 a geologist study the regional area?

22 A. The site locality, yes.

23 Q. And the surroundings?

1 A. Yes, the site as it's defined.

2 Q. How about outside the site going towards the
3 river or going upgradient? Did you do a study in
4 those areas?

5 A. Yes, that is the site in my mind.

6 MR. ERMILIO: Peter, when you say you, do
7 you mean GTI or Frank?

8 Q. I'm talking about GTI. You as a geologist or
9 your predecessor.

10 A. Yes, I believe it's been done.

11 Q. Did you do any modeling? I mean not for
12 magazines.

13 A. GTI has done some modeling.

14 Q. In what respect?

15 A. With respect to the treatability studies in
16 regards to the 106 ordinance.

17 Q. What goes into a modeling?

18 MR. ERMILIO: Peter, if I could explain.
19 Next week Rita bo -- this may save time what
20 you're asking here, but next week Rita Boje is
21 going to be here to discuss the record searches
22 and the initial RI. Two things that as Frank
23 explained he's not able -- most knowledgeable

1 about. In addition, there's going to be someone
2 by the name of Steve Baggett who is going to
3 discuss modeling done by GTI. So he's the one
4 who actually conducted modeling. He's most
5 knowledgeable about modeling.

6 MR. RUVOLO: If he doesn't show up can we
7 call Mr. West back to search the files?

8 MR. ERMILIO: If Steve Baggett doesn't
9 show up. You can ask him the questions, but I
10 want to let you know you will have a deponent who
11 is more knowledgeable.

12 MR. RUVOLO: I understand.

13 Q. (Mr. Ruvolo continuing) Only what you know. I
14 don't expect you to tell me anything you don't
15 know.

16 A. What was the question again?

17 Q. The modeling, do you know what modeling what
18 was -- what constituted the modeling?

19 A. The modeling involved -- the first thing
20 conducted was an aquifer pump test to determine
21 aquifer characteristics, and then these
22 characteristics were -- would be input into the
23 model program and then the modeling would be

1 conducted.

2 Q. Who was responsible for that part of the program
3 or that part of the work?

4 A. For modeling? That would be Steve Baggett or
5 even Bob Falotico was involved as well.

6 Q. Just tell me briefly what their background is.

7 A. Microgeologists.

8 Q. You told us you did some site surveying and
9 mapping; you did soil gas surveys?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. You did subsurface soil sampling?

12 A. (Nodding)

13 Q. You did sediment sampling?

14 A. I believe that was done as part of the initial
15 remedial investigation.

16 Q. How about lead screen auger sampling? Did you do
17 any of that?

18 A. No, that was EPA activity.

19 Q. You did some groundwater monitoring and sampling?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And you did some soil testing?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Again, going back to housekeeping. Would the

1 results or were all those results of those
2 testings and samplings be in one place or would
3 you have to go to various locations or files to
4 find them?

5 A. They would be in one file cabinet.

6 Q. Finally just so I have it clear in my own head.
7 The initial investigation was a subsurface
8 investigation, is that correct, back in January
9 of '89 or so which was before -- which is just
10 about when you started, I believe; is that
11 correct?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. And was there a formal report made of that
14 investigation?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And then there was a survey done, soil vapor
17 survey done along the Track 69 area?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Was there a formal report made of that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Then there was a Phase I, I believe, of the Track
22 69 investigation?

23 A. (Nodding)

1 Q. And what did that constitute overall generally?

2 A. Overall it involved delineation of the area where
3 carbon tetrachloride was found during the soil
4 vapor survey on Track 69.

5 Q. Was there a formal report made on that?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Going back just for a second to the first
8 investigation which was '89 or so and the soil
9 vapor survey which was in Track 69. When was
10 that done?

11 A. Track 69?

12 Q. (Nodding)

13 A. I believe that was November of '90.

14 Q. Who was the project manager at that time?

15 A. Rita Boje.

16 Q. With Phase I who was the project manager?

17 A. Rita Boje.

18 Q. Not Demco?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Then you did a fourth -- a Phase II investigation
21 around the car shop area. Is that the diesel
22 investigation?

23 A. No, Phase II was an extension of the Track 69

1 investigation.

2 Q. Was there a formal report made of the findings of
3 that investigation?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Who was the project manager at that time?

6 A. Rita Boje.

7 Q. Then you did a soil vapor survey at the west end
8 of the classification yard?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. I believe that's part of the site map and tables
11 that we referred to earlier today? Were they
12 included in that?

13 A. I saw the proposal for that investigation today.

14 Q. Was there a formal report ever made?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Who was the project manager at that time?

17 A. Rita Boje.

18 Q. And then I believe your company made some
19 remedial design studies; is that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Groundwater extraction?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And groundwater treatment for another?

1 A. Associated with the 106 order, yes.

2 Q. Was a formal report made of that?

3 A. The results of those treatability studies were
4 put in the 30 percent design report.

5 MR. RUVOLO: I have nothing more.

6 Thanks. Thank you, Frank.

7 THE WITNESS: Sure.

8 CROSS-EXAMINATION,

9 QUESTIONS BY MR. FREEMAN:

10 Q. Mr. West, my name is Bob Freeman. I represent
11 Gemeinhardt Company, Inc. The same same with Mr.
12 Ruvolo. If you don't understand, please let me
13 know. If you want to take a break, please say
14 so. Is that alright?

15 A. That's fine.

16 Q. Are you familiar with an area within what's been
17 called the Conrail Super Fund site known as the
18 Larue Street area?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Can you tell me what your understanding of that
21 area is?

22 A. It encompasses -- if I had a map I could show you
23 easier, outline the area for you. I could

1 attempt to describe it for you.

2 Q. Why don't you describe it for me. I don't think
3 the maps we have seen so far don't have it.

4 MR. ERMILIO: The ones we have seen are
5 railyard. They're not the surrounding areas.

6 Q. Would you go ahead and tell me what you --

7 A. The Larue area is a residential area that's
8 located to the north of the Conrail facility
9 approximately north of the engine turnaround
10 area.

11 MR. FREEMAN: Actually I'll have this
12 marked as Exhibit 24 which is a map of the area
13 lacking some of the detail that the other maps
14 have.

15 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 24 marked for
16 identification.)

17 Q. Mr. West, by reference to what's been marked as
18 Exhibit 24, can you describe where you understand
19 the Larue Street area to be?

20 A. I believe that even on this map a large portion
21 of the Larue area is not incorporated into it.
22 Basically the area to the northwest on this map.
23 I don't know how I would draw it in for you.

1 Q. Would it be the area that's off the map to the
2 right following along the road indicated as Larue
3 Street?

4 A. Approximately straight north. I could draw an
5 approximate area where I think it would be on the
6 map if you like.

7 Q. Sure.

8 A. (Indicating)

9 Q. Would you mark your initials inside the square
10 you've drawn.

11 A. (Witness complied)

12 Q. In that area has GTI conducted any soil vapor
13 surveys?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Has GTI conducted any soil vapor surveys in
16 the -- within the Conrail railyard to the south
17 of what you've indicated as the Larue Street
18 area?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Earlier, Mr. West, you were discussing Exhibit 16
21 and you discussed how GTI had requested
22 information from the Elkhart County Health
23 Department regarding characterization of

1 industrial waste in the Elkhart area; is that
2 correct?

3 A. Several facilities in the Elkhart area
4 surrounding the site, yes.

5 Q. I believe you stated that the purpose of that
6 inquiry was to determine whether any of --
7 whether that information indicated that
8 facilities were discharging any of the
9 contaminants of concern; is that correct?

10 A. Generating.

11 Q. Generating contaminants?

12 A. Waste water that would contain any of those.

13 Q. I believe you testified to two facilities during
14 your testimony. It was Reith Reily?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And Global Glass?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Can you think of any other facilities for which
19 you requested information?

20 A. I can't at this time.

21 Q. Were there other facilities?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Was one of those facilities Gemeinhardt?

1 A. I can't answer that now. I don't recall.

2 MR. FREEMAN: I have no further
3 questions.

4 CROSS-EXAMINATION,

5 QUESTIONS BY MR. CONTE:

6 Q. Mr. West, my name is John Conte and I represent
7 Penn Central in this case and I just want to
8 follow up on some of your answers to Mr. Ruvolo's
9 questions. First I'd just like to start with the
10 recap that Mr. Ruvolo did at the end of his
11 questioning. You said there was no report for
12 the Phase I of the Track 69 investigation; is
13 that right?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. I understand you did do soil borings and
16 monitoring well installations?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. Do you have the results of any sampling you did?

19 A. The Phase I investigation, yes.

20 Q. The same question would go to the Phase II
21 investigation. There was no report, correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. But you do have analytical results?

1 A. That's correct.

2 MR. CONTE: Could we get a copy of those
3 results?

4 MR. ERMILIO: I believe they've already
5 been produced to you.

6 MR. CONTE: The only things we have is
7 the subsurface investigation from 1989 and the
8 soil vapor study of the Track 69 investigation.

9 MR. ERMILIO: I can go back and check.
10 We can discuss it.

11 MR. CONTE: The same request would go for
12 the second soil vapor investigation at the end --
13 western end of the classification yard and the
14 results of the diesel investigation.

15 Q. (Mr. Conte continuing) If we can step back to
16 some questions about the diesel investigation.
17 Correct me if I'm wrong, but my understanding is
18 that there was a problem with subsurface
19 contamination involving diesel fuel; is that
20 correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. And you came in and the purpose of that was to
23 determine the extent of the contamination and to

1 design a remedial system; is that correct?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. When you did your analytical sampling for diesel
4 did you analyze for VOC including carbon
5 tetrachloride and TCE?

6 A. No.

7 Q. What did you analyze for?

8 A. TPH is diesel.

9 Q. And that was it, no other analyzed?

10 A. I believe so.

11 Q. Just a couple miscellaneous questions here on
12 some of the field procedures. Mr. Ruvolo was
13 asking about sampling and I think you said you
14 purged 55 gallons, a specific sample he was
15 referring to. I don't remember which one. Was
16 that a standard procedure?

17 A. Purging before sampling?

18 Q. Well, I guess my question is how did you
19 determine how much to purge?

20 A. In general you would purge a minimum of three
21 well volumes prior to collecting a sample.

22 Q. How would you figure out a well volume?

23 A. A formula.

1 Q. Another question. Did you purge the well and
2 sample it on the same day?

3 A. Yes, in general.

4 Q. What do you mean by in general?

5 A. In most cases we did.

6 Q. Why wouldn't you?

7 A. There may be some times if it gets dark we sample
8 the next morning.

9 Q. In these wells in this area was there any problem
10 with enough water being present in the well to
11 sample after you've purged?

12 A. No.

13 Q. You mentioned at one point in your testimony
14 nested wells?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. Was that related to the Track 69 investigation or
17 was that related to the diesel investigation?

18 A. The Track 69 investigation.

19 Q. Could you explain what a nested well is?

20 A. Wells that would be placed close together
21 laterally and would monitor various depth zones
22 in the aquifer.

23 Q. So a shallow well that would monitor 10 to 20

1 feet, let's say, and another one monitor 40 to 50
2 feet?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. Why would you do that? What's the purpose behind
5 putting in a nested well?

6 A. To assess vertical extent of contamination.

7 Q. Did you think that vertical contamination or I
8 guess I should say contamination extending
9 downward in the aquifer would be a problem at the
10 Conrail yard?

11 MR. ERMILIO: Objection. I won't let him
12 answer one as to what he thought the particular
13 time, and what would be a problem or wouldn't be
14 a problem would be a matter of opinion. We're
15 not going to let -- Frank's not here for the
16 purpose of expressing opinions as to what would
17 be problems.

18 Q. I guess let me go back then. I want to ask not
19 as an opinion at this site, but why you would put
20 in a nested well.

21 MR. ERMILIO: You're talking about
22 generally, not particularly?

23 MR. CONTE: In general, and I think he

1 said to assess vertical contamination.

2 Q. Is that right?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. Is that a potential with all types of
5 contaminants of concern?

6 MR. ERMILIO: That's a vague question.
7 It's also asking for his opinion as an expert in
8 the area at least to whether there would be a
9 potential for all contaminants. If you can
10 narrow it. I think I understand what you're
11 trying to get at.

12 Q. Let me be more specific then. The contaminants
13 of concern at this site or this investigation
14 were carbon tetrachloride and TCE; is that
15 correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Were there any others?

18 A. I believe other VOC's have been detected in low
19 levels.

20 Q. Let's just talk about carbon tetrachloride and
21 TCE then. With respect to those two
22 contaminants, would they be expected to be
23 encountered vertically in aquifer if they had

1 been released? Do you understand what I'm
2 saying?

3 A. Yes, they are denser than water and therefore
4 could tend to migrate downwards.

5 Q. That's all I wanted to know. Is that a
6 general -- is that is a rule of thumb or is that
7 something that was specific to this Conrail yard
8 with respect to those contaminants?

9 A. I would say as a rule of thumb they are denser
10 than water.

11 Q. Then they would be expected to migrate downward?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You were talking about an investigation at the
14 ASA property or ASA --

15 A. ASA Fiberglass.

16 Q. And you mentioned looking at the septic system on
17 that property?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. What was involved in that examination?

20 A. Placing soil vapor points around the perimeter of
21 the septic system.

22 Q. Did you do any similar studies on the Conrail
23 property or did you look for the layout of the

1 septic system or underground piping on that
2 property?

3 A. We did no investigation following any sort of
4 underground piping at the railyard.

5 Q. Did you obtain any maps of subsurface piping at
6 the property?

7 A. I have not personally. That may have been done
8 earlier in the project.

9 Q. As far as pump tests go at the Conrail property,
10 could you summarize briefly what pump tests have
11 been done there?

12 A. There have been two pump tests conducted.

13 Q. When were they conducted?

14 A. One was conducted at the end of the Phase II
15 Track 69 investigation and one was conducted, I
16 believe it was, early March of this year as part
17 of the treatability studies associated with
18 remedial action design.

19 Q. Do you remember the results of those?

20 A. They were in fairly good agreement. As far as
21 aquifer characteristics values or --

22 Q. Yeah, as far as the hydraulic conductivity.

23 A. I believe the transmissivity ranged between

1 63,000 and 125,000 gallons per day per foot and I
2 believe the conductivity ranged 400 to 1,000
3 gallons per day per foot.

4 Q. Those pump tests results are in the reports,
5 right?

6 A. The pump test results for the treatability study
7 pump tests are in the 30 percent design document.

8 Q. There was no Phase II report; is that correct?

9 A. That's correct.

10 MR. CONTE: Could we get copies of the
11 pump test results from the Phase II? Are those
12 available?

13 MR. ERMILIO: For Phase II?

14 MR. CONTE: The pump test you did during
15 Phase II.

16 THE WITNESS: They've been produced.

17 MR. ERMILIO: You haven't seen those? I
18 believe you have them. We can talk about this
19 later.

20 Q. (Mr. Conte continuing) Mr. Ruvolo was going
21 through the depths of some of the borings and
22 talking about carbon tetrachloride and TCE
23 contamination. How did you decide where to stop

1 your borings?

2 A. In general as part of the Phase I Track 69
3 investigation when two non-detects -- when two
4 soil samples resulted into non-detects, the
5 boring would be terminated. If we hit a
6 confining plate layer, the boring would be
7 terminated or a maximum depth of 85 feet, and if
8 contamination was still present, then we would
9 consult with Conrail to decide to go deeper or
10 not.

11 Q. What was the significance of 85 feet?

12 A. Cost estimating purposes.

13 Q. I don't quite understand.

14 A. Basing our costs on a maximum drilling depth of
15 85 anticipating that that would be as deep as we
16 needed to go.

17 Q. You were drilling with hollow-stem augers with
18 the split spoon?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Did you take any steps to minimize the
21 possibility of cross contamination with depth?

22 A. Yes, each split spoon after being used was
23 decontaminated with distilled water and alkaline.

1 solution, rinsed with distilled water before
2 being used again.

3 Q. Were any of the wells drilled with separate
4 diameters where you would case off a contaminated
5 zone and proceed further?

6 A. No.

7 Q. On Exhibit 5 you're talking about some soil
8 analysis and I guess this can go toward all of
9 the field activities. You had a field gas
10 chromatograph out there?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Were any samples that were run through that
13 apparatus verified at a fixed base laboratory?

14 A. In general one sample from each boring was
15 submitted to a lab, an outside lab or off-site
16 lab to compare.

17 Q. One thing that -- one question I had. Exhibit
18 12, I think Mr. Ruvolo asked about your
19 duplicates?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. He said that the duplicates were not labeled; is
22 that right?

23 A. On the chain of custody I don't believe they

1 were. They would be in the field notebook.

2 Q. So the laboratory did not know which sample that
3 was a duplicate of; is that correct?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. But you in the field and whoever had taken the
6 samples did have a record?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. Just wanted to make sure that was clear. Finally
9 as far as the modeling goes or the modeling that
10 GTI has done, I understand that you didn't do it.

11 MR. CONTE: Jim, maybe you can answer
12 this. Will Steve Baggett be here next week?

13 MR. ERMILIO: He'll be here Wednesday.
14 Rita should take no more than two days, Monday
15 and Tuesday, because she's got really a smaller
16 area -- time span and Frank has been able to
17 cover the vast majority of what she has done.
18 We're anticipating Rita for two days and Steve on
19 Wednesday.

20 Q. Mr. West, do you know what types of models were
21 used or what types of models were run at this
22 site?

23 A. I believe it was a two-dimensional model called

1 mod flow.

2 MR. CONTE: I don't have any further
3 questions.

4 CROSS-EXAMINATION,

5 QUESTIONS BY MR. WOODSMALL:

6 Q. Mr. West, my name is Jim Woodsmall. I represent
7 Elkhart Office Machines. I just have a few
8 questions. You said that you did a soil vapor
9 survey, I believe, at ASA Fiberglass, Walerko and
10 Elkhart Office Machines; is that correct?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Did you do any other work at those three sites?

13 A. No.

14 Q. The soil vapor survey that was done was similar
15 to what you earlier described for Mr. Ruvolo?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. You just punched a hole and put it in?

18 A. (Nodding)

19 Q. Did you do any other work for Conrail outside of
20 the physical bounds of the Conrail railyard on
21 any of the other properties surrounding the
22 railyard?

23 A. Other than soil vapor surveys?

1 Q. Other than the three we just talked about.

2 A. Could you repeat the three again.

3 Q. ASA Fiberglass, Walerko and Elkhart Office
4 Machines.

5 A. Yes, there was one done at the Robert Martin drum
6 site.

7 Q. I'm sorry. I think you did mention that. That
8 was also a soil vapor survey?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. That's all that you did on the Conrail yard?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. What substances did you discover at those sites,
13 if you recall?

14 A. We analyzed for carbon tetrachloride and TCE.

15 Q. And that's all?

16 A. Yes.

17 MR. WOODSMALL: Deanne, can we have this
18 marked as EOM Exhibit A.

19 (EOM Exhibit A marked for
20 identification.)

21 Q. Mr. West, you're looking at what's been marked as
22 EOM Exhibit A. Can you tell me what that is,
23 please?

1 A. These are the results for the Elkhart Office
2 Machine soil vapor survey.

3 Q. Those are the results from the tests that you
4 did; is that correct?

5 A. That's right.

6 Q. Towards the bottom on I believe it's the second
7 page there's one marked SG-7S2. What is that?

8 A. That would be a soil sample collected at the soil
9 vapor point 759 two foot in depth.

10 Q. Were all of them done at two feet?

11 A. This was the only soil sample collected.

12 Q. Was that soil sample sent to a lab then?

13 A. No, it was not.

14 Q. What depth were the other vapor surveys done?

15 A. Three feet.

16 MR. WOODSMALL: I have no further
17 questions.

18 MR. ERMILIO: Do you want to go ahead?

19 MR. RUVOLO: No, go ahead.

20 MR. ERMILIO: I don't have any
21 questions.

22 MR. RUVOLO: I have a request which we
23 can do after the deposition, but there are some

1 documents that you sent us that we just have no
2 way of identifying. Maybe Mr. West or yourself
3 can take a look at them and tell us what they
4 are.

5 MR. ERMILIO: Do you have them here with
6 you?

7 MR. RUVOLO: Yeah, rather than the take
8 the time of everybody.

9 MR. ERMILIO: Okay. I think that does
10 it. We're all done.

11 THE COURT REPORTER: What about
12 signature?

13 MR. ERMILIO: Yes, read and sign.

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1 STATE OF INDIANA)
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2 COUNTY OF MARION)

3 I, Deanne S. Hutson, a Notary Public in and for
4 said county and state, do hereby certify that the
5 deponent herein was by me first duly sworn to tell
6 the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth
7 in the aforementioned matter;

8 That the foregoing deposition was taken on behalf
9 of the Plaintiff; that said deposition was taken at
10 the time and place heretofore mentioned;

11 That said deposition was taken down in stenograph
12 notes and afterwards reduced to typewriting under
13 my direction, and that the typewritten transcript is
14 a true record of the testimony given by said deponent;

15 And that the deposition upon oral examination was
16 taken down in stenograph notes and afterwards reduced
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18 reserved by the deponent and all parties present.

19 I do further certify that I am a disinterested
20 person in this cause of action; that I am not a
21 relative or attorney of any of the parties, or
22 otherwise interested in the event of this cause of
23 action, and am not in the employ of the attorneys for

1 any of the parties.

2 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
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4 December, 1993.

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